

Robert Goodloe Saunders, '57, the "Father of the AMA Museum," passes away after long illness

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The Chairman's Report

On 7 March 2015, Foundation Chairman Blaine Clarke called a special meeting of the Foundation Board of Trustees and the Association Board of Directors. The membership also was invited to attend in the Winter 2015 issue of *The Bayonet*. In spite of this advance notice, only three non-board alumni attended: Ed Rogerville, Larry Wilson and Harry Campbell. The meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Staunton.

The purpose of this special meeting was to present and discuss our financial picture and further develop strategies that were discussed at our November meeting last year. The March meeting began with our accountant Andy Cannady from the CPA firm Anderson White who presented the results of our 2013 audit of financial records. Mr. Cannady reported that our financial books and records are in good order. He stressed however that our alumni organization suffers from an issue other voluntary organizations experience: inadequate donations. Our financial problems are revenue related, not expenditure related. Anderson White will begin our 2014 audit shortly. These audits are required for museum accreditation and necessary to support applications for private and government grants in the future.

Steve Traylor, Foundation Treasurer, presented the Foundation Income Statement for 2014, a schedule analyzing our revenues between 2013 and 2014, and a proposed budget for 2015. Please refer to his illuminating financial presentation for a more in-depth explanation of our financial picture, beginning on page 10.

Clearly and alarmingly, individual donations were down significantly. Our records reflect 1781 people who receive *The Bayonet*, but only 179 individuals made a donation last year – meaning that only ten percent of the membership donated in 2014. Needless to say, it will be difficult to survive the next year much less the next three years unless donations increase. Again, our financial problems are revenue related, not our expenditures. We are entering 2015 with a net operating deficit of approximately \$20,000 due to the loss of one corporate and one individual donor.

As a way to address these issues, three committees have been formed: Membership, Fundraising and Merge.

The Membership Committee has been tasked with developing ways to increase our numbers. This will occur by reaching out to alumni who we haven't heard from in a long time and working with our database to bring it up to date. We also plan to revive our Class Agent program so that they can reach out to their classmates in an attempt to bring them back into the fold.

The Fundraising Committee has been tasked with seeking short term solutions to fund our museum's operating costs and to develop long term plans for sustainability of our museum for the future.

The Merge Committee has been tasked with looking at the viability of a joint museum with both Staunton Military Academy and Fishburne Military School. The Merge and Fundraising Committees will need to work together on this task. Regardless of the path taken, having a plan in place for long-term sustainability is a critical factor.

There was a lot of positive energy in this meeting and many ideas were generated. Listed below are your fellow alumni who have stepped up and volunteered to move us forward.

The Membership Committee
(No chair has been chosen)

Brett Thompson, '75
Larry Wilson, '70
Steve Trent, '70
George Reaves, '69
Gordon Metz, '68
Rick Smail, '67
Luke Snyder, '60
Richard Lassiter, '66
Mark Femrite, '72

The Fundraising Committee

Scott Travers, '70, Chairman (804/493-1315)
Steve Traylor, '72
Victor Gomez, '69
Bud Oakey, '70
Jack White, '69

The Merge Committee

Ed Rogerville, '76, Chairman (434/294-4991)
Chris Meek, '84
Luke Snyder, '60
Bud Oakey, '70
Jack White, '69

As you can see, some of your fellow alums are serving on more than one committee. Let's see if some of you who are reading this will step up and help!

We need you!



Blaine Clarke, '72
Chairman

Sustaining our Legacy

In 1989, Kevin Costner starred in the movie "Field of Dreams," the premise of which was "if you build it, they will come." I think we all believed that premise as the museum came into focus, its fruition and opening. Yes, we all came, from all over the country. The problem is we didn't stay long enough, we haven't returned often enough and certainly didn't stay involved as we should have.

Fundamentally, I think the lack of a specific goal or direction has plagued the Augusta Military Academy Alumni Foundation as far back as the completion of the museum and its opening. I think sustainability was always in our thoughts and has been on our minds but nothing really seemed to come together because of our divergent views. I don't have a particular view myself though, like you, I have my leanings.

Again, fundamentally we have two problems that need addressing: short term funding and long term funding. I have been openly wondering for all of us, "If we had a long term goal with a specific direction, would that shore up our short term funding problems?" I have found however that wondering out loud tends to get the messenger sighted in everyone's crosshairs. So be it, some earnest discussions and actions are needed to move us forward.

The idea behind sustainability is to keep our museum and legacy alive and we can support that goal through funding, both long term and short term funding initiatives.

There are discussions to approach the Pentecostal Church about purchasing the property where the museum is currently located allowing for parking and perhaps an area for museum expansion. There's another discussion about purchasing the property directly adjacent to the AMA campus known as Beaumont, In that case it is most likely that a complete renovation of the property will be required to retain our accredited museum status which we expect to attain in the latter part of 2016.

Lastly, there are discussions to merge with the alumni organizations of both Staunton Military Academy (SMA) and Fishburne Military School (FMS) and relocate our museum to a property adjacent to the FMS campus in Waynesboro. That property is the former General Wayne Hotel located at 620 Main Street and currently owned by FMS. At the early stage, I couldn't speculate on whether AMA would be asked to share an ownership interest but certainly we would play a major role in the renovation of the property bringing it to the museum accreditation standard.

Clearly, we have divergent views that require our focus and decision.

At our first meeting our the new Fundraising Committee on 9 May 2015, Chairman **Scott Travers, '70**, made a very compelling point: Augusta County, Virginia is the only county in America that had three operating military schools for over a century! The best way to memorialize that fact is to merge our museum with FMS and SMA to create and support our combined heritages and legacies as the "Museum of Virginia Military Schools" adjacent to FMS as the only operational school remaining. Furthering Scott's point, I believe a broader museum base could have national appeal in the future. Think Canton, Ohio and the National Football League, Cooperstown, New York and Major

League Baseball and even the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. And why not think that way? We represent what is and what was good about America.

Whatever scenario we choose requires a great deal of money.

We have begun a relationship with Carl D. Mansfield Fundraising Counsel, LLC located in Lynchburg. The efforts with Mister Manfield will come in two separate and distinct phases: 1) to perform a feasibility study to assess the market for our type of fundraising effort, and 2) the actual fundraising campaign. Costs for these efforts are estimated at \$100K each, a total of \$200K. The feasibility study will taken nine (9) months to a year to complete and the fundraising effort will take one (1) year to eighteen (18) months to perform.

Given any of the three goals delineated, an argument can be made that \$1 million would be required for purchase and renovation of a property and realistically another 30 per cent would be needed for unforeseen contingencies for a total of \$1.3 million. We have long term sustainability issues that could be provided for if we were to raise an additional \$2.5 million. If we could earn a five per cent return on these holdings, we would just be scraping by with earnings of \$125,000 a year. In this short example, we need \$200,000 raised in the next year to put the organization in the position to raise \$3.8 million for acquisition of a property (AMA, Beaumont or the General Wayne), renovation of that property and basic sustainability.

If we raised the funds to underwrite our basic sustainability, how would pooling of interests among the Pentecostal Church, FMS and SMA take shape, and would we be able to achieve economies of scale? The Fundraising, Merge/ Acquisition and Membership Committees will be answering those questions from their perspectives in the coming months and committee developments will be reported using the AMA enewsletter. If you are not on our newsletter mailing list, please submit your e-mail address to Crysta or to me so we can keep you informed of those developments.

Let's concentrate on our short term needs, Our operating budget for 2015 reflects that we will be operating on a deficit of \$21,000. Given my review of receipts for the first quarter of 2015, we actually have a deficit now of (\$5,206) and almost on cue with my forecast. Again, Scott Travers has offered to contribute \$1,000 above his annual commitment to the Foundation if twenty-four (24) other individuals contribute \$1,000 to erase this year's deficit. Second, let's concentrate on raising \$200,000 in funds to complete the feasibility study and commence the fundraising campaign. Clearly and exponentially, we need more than 25 individuals to bring this front and center.

Gentlemen, c'mon, we need to turn this around and move forward, plain and simple, and it starts with you. I'll be bold and thank you now for your contribution.



Steve Traylor, '72
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1942

Angus Hines represented the oldest class in attendance at the reunion. This amazing 91 year old still fits in his AMA letter sweater! Thank you so much, Angus, for your support in so many ways over the years.

[angushines@aol.com]

1948

Ernest Click was delighted to see **Captain Peter Morrissey** inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame. Captain Morrissey not only coached Sports Hall of Famer Ernie in swimming but also coached his brother, **Ed Click, '50**. Ernie and Marge have had some health problems but both are doing better now. They live in Jacksonville, FL.

[erniec235@aol.com]

1949

Frank Spencer attended many reunion activities. Ida has not been doing so well though and we missed her happy face. [2frankspencer@myway.com]

1950

Ed Click and Sue were in Florida for the birth of their grandson, Braden, whose father, **David Click**, was an AMA Legacy Scholarship recipient. Congratulations! They will be leaving in mid October for two cruises around and near Australia returning home to Staunton in early December.

[edwin.click@comcast.net]

1951

Rod Willey has been attending reunions ever since we have had reunions. He has a long way to come, living in Fort Defiance!

[rswilley8@earthlink.net]

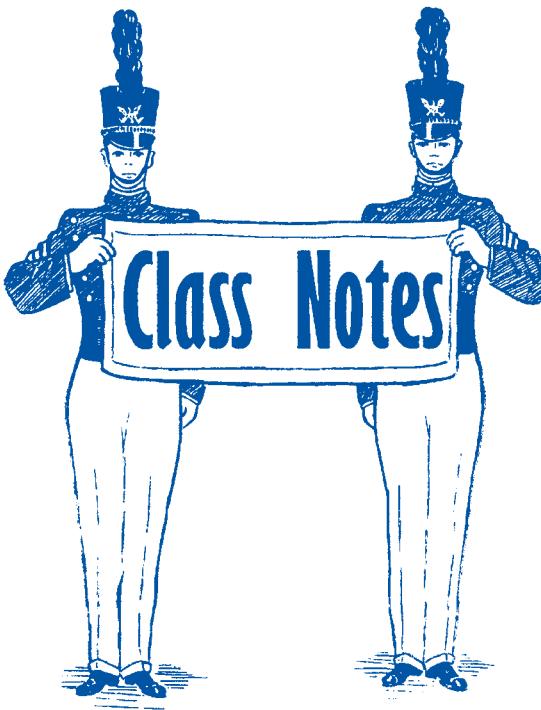
1952

Roger Messick, Battalion Commander at both AMA and the University of Kentucky, was back for the reunion. He and Jean came from Prescott, AZ and it always is an honor to be in the company of this Vietnam War hero.

[trmessup@aol.com]

Ed Schonborn and Jeanne live in Waxhaw, NC and came back to the reunion. Always good seeing them.

[eschonbornjr@carolina.rr.com]



Representing the oldest class at the reunion was Angus Hines, '42, still looking like a youngster!

Jim "Shad" White is one lucky fellow. Last year at the reunion, he won three of the four bottles of Virginia Gentleman in the Tower of Power drawing. This year, he won the 50/50 drawing. His 50 per cent was worth \$375 which he immediately donated to the Foundation! Thanks, Shad. The Whites live in Clover, SC.

[shadwhite@bellsouth.net]

1953

Commander Al Wattay, USN, Retd, and Diane did not get to this year's reunion because of some health issues. Alex has had another reoccurrence of cancer and is determined as ever to beat it. We have always enjoyed seeing them at past reunions and hope that they will be back with us next year. The Wattays live on Hilton Head Island, SC. [dialwat@aol.com]

1955

Bill Johnston and Joy were at the reunion to celebrate the 60th year since he graduated from AMA. Bill, an **Ad Astra**, lives in Jackson, NC, very appropriately on Bill Johnston Road!

[billj@3rddoor.com]

1956

Sergio Fernandez and Lilian attended all of the reunion events. They live in Ramsey, NJ. Both CPAs, several years ago they did an internal audit for the Foundation. This year, Sergio and Lilian were successful bidders on several Silent Auction items.

[sfsr2011@gmail.com]

1957

Buddy Krise and Sandy drove over from Norfolk for the reunion. Buddy has been a big help the last couple of years in promoting the Tower of Power and the 50/50 project at our reunions.

1958

Fred Womer and Alice have come to the rescue at the museum! With both **Goodloe Saunders** and **Doug Carter** on the sick list, the responsibilities for staffing the museum have devolved to **Ben Zinkhan** and our Executive Director, **Crysta Stephenson**. Into this breach has stepped Fred and Alice who have volunteered to come down from Baltimore to staff the museum for a full week so that Ben can get some well deserved time off. What a wonderful expression of support, one that should be emulated by our alumni who live closer to Fort Defiance than the Womers do. Thank you, thank you, Fred and Alice.

[fswomer@comcast.net]

Duke Fancher continues to suffer serious health problems. Four years ago, he had a stroke and early this year, a heart attack. He is now in a re-hab facility and is hoping to move to better quarters soon. He and

Goodloe Saunders, '57, were the architects of our museum and we owe each of them so much.

[tdfan@aol.com]

1960

Luke Snyder and Anne came from Charlotte to attend the reunion. How many consecutive reunions have they attended?

[lukesnyder@carolina.rr.com]



Frank Williams and Bev once again arranged a unique luxury motor coach experience for this year's reunion: a memorable trip to Appomattox just a week after the 150th anniversary of General Lee's surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia there. Frank also emceed the inductions into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame and ran both the 50/50 and Tower of Power fund raisers. What a guy! Thank you, Frank and Bev.

[frankbev1@aol.com]



1963

John Canevet lives in Michigan and recently moved from Grosse Ile to Southgate.

[jcanevet@gmail.com]



1964

Carl Ward has retired from GM after 38 years. He is living in Bloomington, IN. Sadly, he lost his wife in January.

Bill Godfrey came to Reunion 2015 from Woodstown, NJ.

1965

Peyton Lea had open heart surgery in February. What started as a routine stent operation turned into emergency bypass surgery. He spent ten days in the hospital but was able to attend the reunion.

Michael DeAyora was back from Merced, CA to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his graduation from AMA.

[deayoram@comcast.net]

1966

Jim Bewley wonders if anyone from his era remembers that a number of Old Cadets joined efforts to fight a forest fire somewhere near the school

to enjoy the reunion week-end. Mickey's new e-mail address! [cmtomsjr@gmail.com]

Brian Miller and Vicki took part in the Silent Auction at the reunion and were the successful bidders on an ornamental metal boat that once graced the fireplace mantle of an alumnus. The Millers live in Charlottesville.

[hokiebryan71@yahoo.com]

Rick Smail and Mary Ann traveled from Park City, UT to be at the reunion this year. He was in charge of the highly successful Silent Auction including the on-line auction of NASCAR hot pit passes and was elected as a Trustee of the AMA Alumni Foundation.

[ricksmail@earthlink.net]

1968

Gordon Metz and Brenda attended the reunion, then left for a week in Hawaii. Gordon is a National Vice President of the US Farm Bureau.

[gordonrmetz@gmail.com]

Jack May came to the reunion from Auburn Hills in Michigan.

[jack5225may@yahoo.com]

Howard Rosenthal and Ruth were at their seventh consecutive reunion. He played in the AMA Open while Ruth was busy taking spectacular photos, some of which appear in this issue. Ruth was awarded an AMA Alumni Medal in gratitude for all she does for AMA.

[rosenthal9786@verizon.net]

1969

Rex Rumley very much wanted to attend this year's reunion but his cardiologist warned against it. In addition, he had a partial lung collapse but surgery revealed no malignancy. We missed you and your family, Rex.

[rex183@insight.rr.com]

Class of 1952 at the reunion. Top, Roger and Jean Messick from Prescott, Arizona. Below that, Eduardo and Jeanne Schonborn from Waxhaw, NC. Above, Jim "Shad" White and his wife, Pat, from Clover, SC.

in 1964. *"I know that no New Cadets were allowed to go,"* says he. Anyone remember this?

[dkhorse808@comcast.net]

Ron Harris was everywhere at the reunion! He lives in Colonial Beach.

[rwharris@ra.rockwell.com]

1967

Mickey Toms came to the reunion from Colorado and had the privilege of inducting into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame his very good friend and classmate, **John Botcheller**. Nancy and John came down from Rhode Island

C.A. Pascale lives in Harrisonburg and is always ready to help if we have a computer hiccup at the Museum. For his loyal service, C.A. received an AMA Alumni Medal in 2014. Good

seeing him at the reunion!

[alphae@rica.net]

Jack White was AMA's principal liaison with SMA at the reunion including arranging reunion goers' attendance at the SMA Alumni Dance. Jack, just elected a Mathews County, VA Supervisor and one of the nation's leading oyster farmers, is a very busy man and we thank him for the time he has devoted to AMA.

[oysterking@earthlink.net]

Victor Gomez continues to support AMA in so many ways. He volunteers at the museum, he takes AMA related photos at every opportunity and offers help wherever it is needed. Victor lives in Centerville near Dulles Airport and close to his position as a call center coordinator.

[victor.r.gomez@verizon.net]

George Reaves again assisted **Frank Williamson** with Tower of Power ticket sales at the reunion. Thanks, George!

[mailunion@aol.com]

1970

B.J. d'Orsay was a photographic lifesaver at the reunion. He took hundreds of pictures and when your editor's Leica refused to cooperate he covered many of the reunion events with his honest lens. Thank you, BJ. Thank you for doing this and for your positive support for what we are trying to accomplish.

[webmaster@amaalumni.org]

Larry Milano and Francine live in Ronks, PA. Francine was a big winner at the Saturday night Awards Banquet. Not only did she win some booze from the Tower of Power, she also took home a \$100 prepaid VISA card in the drawing for everyone who bid at the Silent Auction.

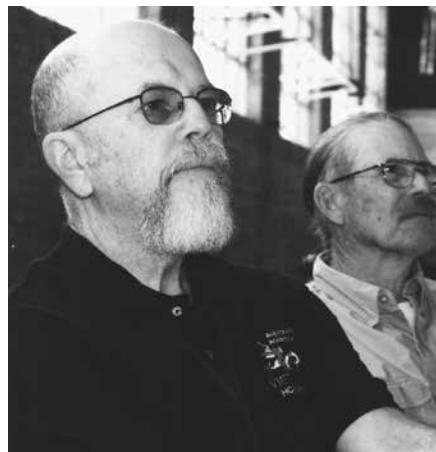
[tootsmilano@yahoo.com]

Scott Travers did a marvelous job organizing and serving the delicious barbecue at the Saturday luncheon. Many thanks for all you did, Scott!

[scotttraversusa@gmail.com]



Top, Bill Johnston, '56, with former Virginia State Senate Leader John Chichester, '55. Below that, Fred Womer, '58, and Alice who will be volunteering at the museum for a week. Above, Luke Snyder, '60, and Anne. Below, Mike DeAyora, '65, from Merced, CA,



1971

Gary Understein came from Texas for this year's reunion. He lives in Montgomery, TX. In 2012, he had the high bid for the four NASCAR hot pit passes which had been contributed by **Reed Nettles, '72**. Thanks to both of you for supporting AMA!

[gunderstein@aol.com]

Jay Ent drove down to the reunion from Pitman, NJ. It was good seeing him back on campus.

Garry Granger was back at Reunion 2015 after a one year absence. Always glad to see our energetic former AMA Alumni Association President. He and Becky live in Double Oak, TX.

[garryfresh@verizon.net]

1972

Warren Fleming's company has launched a program of providing local jobs in an African-American community in Davie County, NC. They renovated an historic beauty parlor and turned it into a state of the art telecommunication center with the help of a Federal grant.

[wkfleming@qst-inc.com]

Stride Coleman came to Reunion 2015 early to help setup the gym and generally assist in getting ready for our alumni to show up at the end of the week. Many thanks, Stride, for always being there. He lives in Linden, NC.

[larrycoleman@yahoo.net]

Doug Pennock came to the reunion from Puerto Rico. He, **Garry Granger** and **Tom DelValle** were the Three Musketeers at the reunion. Glad to see them all together!

[dpennock2002@yahoo.com]

Doug Carter, faithful Museum docent, looked great at the reunion but soon after ended up in the hospital with double pneumonia. He is back on his feet now and we are grateful for his dedicated service.

Mark Femrite and Sherri were popular folks at the reunion. Mark is still



Mark Femrite, '72, and Sherri from Riner, VA.
A Civil War reenactor, Mark is unwilling to believe that General Lee actually surrendered!

sporting his Civil War reenactor beard and Sherri is as attractive as ever. Faithful folks, indeed! See above!!!

[mfemrite@swva.met]

Al Zayas's son, Alvaro, will be attending the University of California at Berkeley in the Fall. Al says Alvaro was accepted at both the University of California at Davis and the University of California at Berkeley *"and decided on Cal Berkeley since it has the number one ranked environmental study program in the country."* It was good to see Al at the reunion after a two year absence.

[secmiaextreme@aol.com]

Blaine Clarke, the AMA Foundation Chairman, was forced to miss the reunion because of a painful back problem. He was able to get to the Fishburne ceremonies the next weekend and is recovering, albeit slowly.

[blaine.clarke@comcast.net]

1973

Jim Atchison and Colleen live in Waynesboro. They keep the AMA PX filled with attractive items and volunteer at the museum often. The Atchisons live in Waynesboro.

[atchisonj@gmail.com]

Billy Sturgis lives in Nassawadox in Northampton County on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

[warehousecreek@verizon.net]

Tom DelValle attended the reunion after a couple of years away. He has fully recovered from the accidental

gunshot wound suffered in, of all places, a gun shop. It was good to see him looking so well!

[tomdelvalle@tx.rr.com]

Paul Poluito and Phyllis again arranged for the AMA Open to be played at Paul's course, the Waynesboro Country Club. Many thanks to them for the time and effort they put into this each year. [cpp2q@virginia.edu]

1974

Tom Kennedy spent three years in the Navy, then 19 years in



Sergio and Lilian Fernandez. He is from the Class of 1956.

the Army National Guard. He attended Potomac State College and graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in advertising and mass communication, spending several years in radio advertising sales. His two sons live in Dallas and both have college degrees. Tom lives in Little Rock and unfortunately has multiple myeloma *"which I am managing pretty well."*

[tkennedy@pcipublishing.com]

1975

USMC Major General Larry Nicholson, because of his

duties as the Commanding General of the First Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, CA, was unable to get to this year's reunion but anticipates being here next year when he hopes to be assigned to The Pentagon. Larry has called *The Bayonet* "Pulitzer like" which we humbly accept as a very gracious salute from a genuine American hero. Larry was elected to the AMA Sports Hall of Fame this year but will wait to be inducted until Reunion 2016.

Brett Thompson's Blue Ridge Roof Cleaning of Virginia has, for the second year in a row, won the Super Service Award from Angie's List. (See ad on page 18) Congratulations, Brett, and thank you for all you do for AMA! Brett received an AMA Alumni Medal at this year's reunion. Everyone enjoyed meeting his sweet new wife, Annaliza.

[classicrider2@gmail.com]

John Hash and Liz came all the way from Fort Defiance to the reunion. (They live near the Fort Defiance rail station.) John served as Treasurer of both the Association and Foundation and Liz managed the Museum.

Luis Iglesias and Tracie have moved to Colorado and had his parents move with them. Unfortunately, his Dad had to go to a nursing home and his Mom is quite ill. He and Tracie last attended a reunion years ago and they both are eager to get back again and we are eager to see them.

[aqua1957@att.net]

Bill Bruder retired from the Marines



Joe Garry, '73, and Katrina who drove to the reunion from Woodsboro, MD.

as a gunnery sergeant, then retired as a lieutenant correctional officer for the State of Maryland. Bill was a five year man at AMA. [Vuden2@aol.com]

Mal Livick, Jr. and Martha had a very serious house fire in Grottoes and will not be able to get back in their home for several more months. While the fire mainly did damage to the kitchen and a bedroom above the kitchen, the smoke damage was extensive. Mal, Martha and Sallie are living in a rental until they can get back in their house. Thankfully no one was injured but they did lose one of their two cats.

[ph-mal@hotmail.com]

John Arthur came to the reunion from Chesapeake. Both his daughter and his son earned AMA Legacy Scholarships, in 2001 and 2004 respectively.

[john.arthur5@cox.net]

1976

Mike Payne took over the Sporting Clay Shoot at the reunion when **Blaine Clarke's** back wouldn't let him participate. Mike took 3rd in the shoot. He lives in Rome, GA. [mpayneesq@aol.com]

Ed Rogerville and Shelby live at Amelia Courthouse, VA. Ed is a new member of the Foundation Board of Trustees. Congratulations!

[erogerville@hotmail.com]

1977

George Mineff and his son, Nick, came to the reunion from Rocky River, OH where George is a practicing attorney. After returning home from the reunion, Nick passed the Ohio Bar. Congratulations!

[georgemineff@yahoo.com]

1983

Phil Bentley came to Reunion 2015 early to help with all the preparations. He was reelected Secretary of the AMA Alumni Foundation. An employee of Penn State University, he and Tammy live in Hummelstown, PA.

[pbentley@hmc.psu.edu]

At right, **George Mineff**, '77, and his son, Nick, from Rocky River, OH. Nick passed the Ohio Bar after the reunion and that is great news for this handsome young man. George is a faithful attendee at reunions and was elected to *Ad Astra*.



At left, **Nancy Botcheller**, **Ron Harris**, '66, and **Francesca Toms**. Nancy is the wife of John, '67, and Francesca is Mickey Toms' daughter. He is from the Class of 1967. Photo from the SMA Dance.

Pictured at right are two AMA stalwarts! **Liz Hash** ran our museum when it was but a fledgling and **John** from the Class of '75 served as Treasurer for two terms. Both live in Fort Defiance where so many of our memories reside.



Do you enjoy reading about your classmates and other AMA friends?

If so, please let us hear from you! Shoot us an e-mail. Just a line or two about what you are doing, jobs, retirement, family, travel, etc.

Your friends will LOVE hearing about you.

E-mail to: AMABayonet@aol.com. Your photos are welcome too. Just be sure they are in good resolution.



Treasurer's Report

As Reunion 2015 came to a close I asked Bob Bradford to delay the release of *The Bayonet* highlighting our weekend together. This request was made because I knew I had two articles to write: the one you are currently reading discussing our finances and a second article regarding fundraising which appears on page three of this issue.

As you read the page three article regarding fundraising, you easily discerned the amount of effort required to present the various concepts it contains. From my perspective, the importance of both articles are paramount to the sustainability of both the Foundation and the Association.

Augusta Military Academy Alumni Foundation, Inc.		
Statement of Income		
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014		
Revenues:		
Donations	\$34,247	
Chairman's Roundtable	\$23,055	
Future is Now	\$18,749	
Corporate	\$10,322	
Spillman Scholarship	\$10,000	
Building Fund	\$10,000	
Charleston Internship	\$8,340	
Interest and Dividends	\$8,759	
Reunion Income	\$3,675	
Bayonet Subscriptions	\$2,141	
Pavers	\$800	
Afghan Kids	\$2,000	
Bayonet Advertising	\$325	
Museum Box	\$887	
Miscellaneous	\$876	
Scholarships	\$870	
Online Donations	\$0	
Golf	\$300	
Porter / Riverside	\$1,150	
Total Revenues	\$136,495	
Expenses:		
Administrative		
Advertising	\$3,770	
Insurance	\$2,766	
Credit Card Fees	\$1,146	
Finance Charges	\$31	
Licences and Fees	\$264	
Copy Machine Maintenance	\$246	
Technical Support	\$412	
Computer Software	\$971	
Office Supplies	\$889	
Charleston Internship Supplies	\$798	
Federal Express	\$22	
Postage and Shipping	\$162	
Professional Development	\$150	
BP Fuel Card	\$4,327	
Travel and Meals	\$879	
Conference Calls	\$288	
Telephone and Internet	\$1,959	
Volunteer Recognition	\$231	
Total Administrative	\$19,311	
Other Income:		
Interest	\$0.07	
Donations	\$160.00	
Total Other Income	\$160.07	
Gross Profit Before		
Other Expenses	\$7,496.24	
Other Expenses:		
Credit Card Fees	\$1,126.63	
Tax preparation	\$1,075.00	
License Fees	\$545.77	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$318.29	
Total Other Expenses	\$3,065.69	
Income from Operations		
	\$4,430.55	
Transfer to Foundation		
	\$3,675.00	
Net Income		\$755.55

At a Special Board Meeting held on Saturday, 7 March 2015, we began with a presentation from our accountant Andy Cannady from the firm Anderson White, CPA's in Staunton, reporting the results of their audit of the Foundation books and records from the year 2013. They were happy to report our affairs are in order finding no irregularities or questionable items. Mr. Cannady's only expressed concern was our weak donation/revenue stream going forward.

At our Reunion Business Meeting on Saturday, 18 April 2015, I presented the schedules presented in this article:

The Statement of Income for 2014 is self-explanatory. I only draw your attention to the end of the statement where I delineate the Building Fund Account for \$10,000. The Building Fund Account is not an expense account. The Foundation profit is really

Augusta Military Academy Alumni Foundation			
2014 Revenues by Category			
December 31, 2014			
			(Deficit)
Donations **	Budget	Actual	Surplus
Chairman's Roundtable **	\$42,700	\$34,247	(\$8,453)
Future is Now **	\$36,000	\$23,055	(\$12,945)
Corporate **	\$25,295	\$18,749	(\$6,546)
Spillman Scholarship	\$11,300	\$10,322	(\$978)
Building Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Charleston Internship	\$7,500	\$8,340	\$840
Interest and Dividends	\$7,242	\$8,759	\$1,517
Reunion Income	\$2,171	\$3,675	
Bayonet Subscriptions	\$2,300	\$2,141	(\$159)
Pavers	\$1,550	\$800	(\$750)
Afghan Kids	\$840	\$2,000	\$1,160
Bayonet Advertising	\$800	\$325	(\$475)
Museum Box	\$754	\$887	\$133
Miscellaneous	\$227	\$876	\$649
Scholarships	\$200	\$870	\$670
Online Donations	\$100	\$0	(\$100)
Golf	\$0	\$300	\$300
Porter / Riverside	\$0	\$1,150	\$1,150
Total Revenues	\$148,979	\$136,495	(\$12,484)
** Donation Summary			
		2013	2014 % Down
Budget	\$115,295	Chairman's Roundtable	36 22 39%
Actual	\$86,373	Future is Now	49 27 45%
Deficit	\$28,922	Individuals	244 130 47%
		Corporate ***	3 2 33%
		Total	332 181 45%
		Total Donors	329 179
		Bayonet Circulation	1781 1781
		Donation Percentage	18% 10%
*** Corporate donors do not receive the Bayonet.			

\$11,696, but I listed the Building Fund amount separately because we opened a new account at our bank and deposited those funds to that account which are to be used only for repairs and maintenance for the Museum. The fact that we have a profit of \$11,696 is of no concern because we have annual amortization of the leasehold improvements on the Museum in excess of \$13,000 resulting in a tax loss for 2014 and therefore no tax is due. I need to give special attention to the 2014 Revenues by Category schedule. Our 2014 receipt budget reflected hopeful revenues in the amount of \$148,979. Our actual receipts were \$136,495 reflecting a \$12,484 deficit. I am sure you will read the categories bringing you a line by line understanding of the totals I just reported.

Augusta Military Academy Alumni Foundation Proposed 2015 Budget	
Revenues:	
Donations	\$34,250
Chairman's Roundtable	\$23,055
Future Is Now	\$8,750
Corporate	\$300
Spillman	\$10,000
Charleton	\$6,500
Interest and Dividends	\$8,750
Reunion income	\$2,925
Bayonet subscriptions	\$2,100
Pavers	\$800
Afghan Kids	\$1,000
Bayonet advertising	\$325
Museum Box	\$800
Scholarships	\$550
Online donations	\$0
Total Revenues	\$100,105
Expenses:	
Administrative:	
Audit and Tax	\$4,000
Legal	\$1,500
Insurance	\$2,766
Credit card fees	\$1,146
Licences and Fees	\$264
Copy Machine Maintenance	\$246
Postage	\$162
Professional Development	\$150
B P fuel card	\$4,327
Conference calls	\$288
Telephone and internet	\$1,959
Office Supplies (Charleton)	\$500
Alumni Relations	\$300
Total Administrative	\$17,608
Museum:	
Rent	\$1,200
Security	\$288
Volunteer Recognition	\$231
Electric	\$3,435
Propane	\$2,074
Total Museum	\$7,228

Museum:	
Daily Operations and Supplies	\$23
Building Maintenance	\$2,236
Rent	\$1,200
Electric	\$3,435
Propane	\$2,074
Collections	\$674
Exhibits	\$112
Volunteer Recognition	\$231
Security	\$288
Total Museum	\$10,273
Bayonet:	
Postage and Handling	\$2,187
Printing	\$17,735
Total Bayonet	\$19,922
Scholarships and Campaigns:	
Legacy Scholarship	\$6,000
Roller Scholarship	\$1,180
Spillman	\$10,000
Afghan Kids/ Marines	\$364
Pavers	\$774
Total Scholarships	\$18,318
Reunion:	\$107
Alumni Relations	\$397
Personnel:	
Salaries	\$43,954
Total Personnel	\$43,954
Charleton Internship:	\$5,737
Casual Labor:	\$980
Payroll Taxes and Insurance:	
Federal	\$4,298
VA Employment Commission	\$187
Health Insurance	\$1,315
Total Payroll and Insurance	\$5,800
Building Fund Account**	\$10,000
Net Income	\$1,696

** Not an expense item; not a recurring item; moved to a separate account for future use.

wanted to share with you the results of operations for 2014. With a profit of \$755.55, I don't expect any taxes due after depreciation of Museum display cases and associated office equipment. What I hope you key in on is how I arrive at the profit by showing the results of both the PX sales and expenses, and Reunion receipts and expenses. The transfer to the Foundation of the profit derived from the Reunion represents an administrative charge reimbursing the time and expenses of Foundation employees and interns as they assist in Reunion chores and accounts for their efforts throughout the year for the administrative sales activities associated with PX management. See the Alumni Association Statement of Income on the next page.

Operationally and mechanically, both the Foundation and the Association are in good shape and the audit and tax presentation for 2014 are about to get underway. The chief concerns only relate to the donation stream from our membership and my hope is that the directions being discussed for our Foundation and Association will garner donations new and old for the Foundation with an increase in sales and Reunion attendance next year.


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Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.	
Statement of Income	
January 1 - December 31, 2014	
PX Sales:	\$7,801.48
Cost of Goods Sold	\$1,163.66
Total Cost of Good Sold	\$1,163.66
PX Profit Before Expenses	\$6,637.82
PX Expenses:	
Purchases	\$2,278.36
Shipping & Freight	\$210.61
Sales Tax	\$21.38
Online Store	\$429.87
Other	\$35.96
Total PX Expenses	\$2,976.18
Profit on PX	\$3,661.64
Reunion:	
Registration	\$12,910.00
Golf	\$800.00
Bus Trip	\$700.00
Silent Auction	\$2,279.00
Tower of Power	\$472.00
50/50 Drawing	\$595.00
Bar	\$294.00
Table Wine	\$180.00
Miscellaneous	\$311.00
Total Reunion Income	\$18,541.00
Reunion Expenses:	
Facility Rental	\$6,003.54
Caterer	\$1,526.61
Tour	\$1,497.09
Thursday Cocktail Party	\$1,003.38
Printing & Potage	\$2,488.18
Bar	\$565.00
Golf	\$360.05
Florist	\$165.95
Awards & Engraving	\$133.19
Rentals	\$97.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,026.48
Total Reunion Expenses	\$14,866.47
Profit on Reunion	\$3,674.53
Profit on Activities	\$7,336.17
Bayonet:	
Postage and handling	\$2,187
Printing	\$17,735
Total Bayonet	\$19,922
Personnel:	
Salaries	\$44,159
Part-time temp	\$1,500
Charleton Intern	\$6,000
Health Insurance	\$1,315
Federal payroll taxes	\$4,475
VA Unemployment	\$186
Casual Labor	\$980
Total Personnel	\$58,615
Scholarships:	
Spilman	\$10,000
Legacy	\$6,000
Total Scholarships	\$16,000
Special Projects	
Afghan Kids / Marines	\$800
Pavers	\$375
Total Special Projects	\$1,175
Fundraising	
Printing	\$1,000
Postage	\$500
Total Fundraising	\$1,500
Total Budget Expenses	\$122,048
Net Deficit	(\$21,943)

Membership Meeting hears process proposals unrelated to our priorities

The Annual Membership Meeting at Reunion 2015 was attended by a larger than usual crowd who heard four resolutions presented, none of which addressed our oft stated priorities.

Two resolutions were presented by **Richard Lassiter, '66**, the first to bar service concurrently on the AMA Alumni Association Board and the AMA Alumni Foundation Board. His rationale was that no one who serves on the board of an entity requesting funds from the Association should be able to vote on any matter involving the funding of that entity. That motion was tabled.

The second motion by Lassiter was to assure that the Alumni Association articles of incorporation are in full compliance with Federal regulations. **Gordon Metz, '68**, stated that we should update our by-laws if necessary to assure that we are in compliance, and that motion passed.

Jim Bewley, '66, moved that **Susan Lambert**, a Stuart Hall graduate, should be accorded Honorary Membership in the alumni association as permitted in the by-laws. The motion was amended to include **Linda Roller Livick** and **John Maragon**, a Fishburne grad who has long supported AMA, and the motion passed.

Harry Campbell, '70, offered a motion to permit remote electronic voting during association meetings. He cited the fact that the association and foundation boards both permit electronic voting but the counter argument was that board members are fully informed about measures on which they vote while those who make up the general membership may not have the information they require to cast an informed ballot unless they are in attendance and hear the discussion about any such issues. The motion was tabled for further discussion.

Priorities misplaced

What are our priorities as an organization dedicated to promoting the AMA legacy? We need 1) increased donations; 2) increased involvement by our membership; 3) improved staffing at our world class museum; and 4) utilization of *The Bayonet* as an effective tool of communication.

With these four pressing priorities staring us in the face, a few thought that process was more important than progress and consumed valuable time at the annual membership meeting with motions that had no impact whatever on any of our priorities.

Foundation Chairman Clarke convened an all day meeting in March to discuss disparate issues, a meeting that was ill attended but which provided a full day to discuss anything on the mind of an alumnus. The compressed time for the annual membership meeting was the time to discuss our four priorities but the meeting was consumed by motions involving process, not progress.

Every person who loves Augusta must know that we are creating no new alumni and those of us who are here need to concentrate on our priorities. We have no resources or time to devote to sideshows.



Richard Lassiter, '66, makes a motion at the Annual Membership meeting.

Augusta Military Academy
Alumni Association, Inc.

June 2015



To All My AMA Brothers and Friends:

I want to pass on my heartfelt thanks for all of your support for the 2015 reunion. A special thanks to my little brother **Scott Travers**, '70, for the superb lunch on Saturday as well as his tireless efforts on the Silent Auction. The auction would not have been the success that it was without Scott and **Rick Smail**, '67, running it. Thank you, **Jack White**, '69, for your liaison work with Staunton Military Academy prior to and during the reunion. Thanks to **Paul Poluito**, '73, for setting up the golf tournament and to **Bev and Frank Williamson**, '60, for arranging and hosting the tour of Appomattox.

Blaine Clarke, '72, had to miss the reunion because of a herniated disk but he had set up the largest turnout ever for the annual Sporting Clay Shoot. Thanks to **Mike Payne**, '76, for taking over in Blaine's absence. It should be noted that **Tom DelValle**, '73, came in first place beating **Stride Coleman**, '72, by a single shot. Next year, if possible, we may see more events with SMA alumni. **Mike Kidd**, '72, is discussing a small bore shoot with SMA and the current Fishburne Military School Rifle Team. This should be well worth the effort!

If you attended the reunion, please send in your completed evaluation sheets (which were in your registration packets). We need to know what you want in future reunions and are open to incorporating changes in what we usually do.

I want to thank everyone who made calls inviting people to come to the reunion. Next year, we need to start these calls about 45 days out and will need your help. I need to remind everyone that we prepare a set number of meals for each reunion based on the advance sign ups for each meal. Unfortunately, we had to turn some people away at the Saturday lunch because they had not signed up in advance. I apologize for that and remind you that if you want to have a meal at next year's reunion, let us know ahead of time.

We still are in desperate need of volunteers at the AMA Museum, especially on weekends. Because of health issues, we are down to one local full time volunteer – the ever faithful **Ben Zinkhan**, '60. If you are local or within 90 minutes of Fort Defiance, can't you give us a six hour day once a month? We would love to have you. Again, I thank you all for your support and participation. Have a great summer!

Respectfully,

Stephen G. Trent, '70

President, AMA Alumni Association



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Ben is greeted by fellow Ad Astra Frank Spencer, '49, Ed Click, '50, and Brett Thompson, '75.



STANDING TO HONOR BEN - Ad Astra
L. to r., George Mineff, '77, Roger Thompson, '75, at the podium and Art Hurme, '61.



Ben gets his reward from Joyce. She is another hardworking volunteer who has not let health problems slow her down. Thanks to you both!



Former AMA Battalion Commander Roger Messick, '52, offers his congratulations to Ben.

Ad Astra per Aspera – "To the stars through difficulties" – was founded on 3 June 1925 by then **Major Charles S. Roller, Jr.** when he put into being a concept he had when returning from World War One on a troopship in 1918.

He stated that **Ad Astra** would *"put loyalty next to Godliness"* and *"service above self."*

General Roller was laid to rest wearing his **Ad Astra** pin.



Ad Astra at the Saturday dinner during Reunion 2015 lined up to greet Ben Zinkhan, '60, on his induction into the society. In Harris, '66, John Botcheller, '67, Mickey Toms, '67, Jackson Prentice, '68, Frank Spencer, '49, Ed Click, '50, Brett Bob Bradford, '50, Stride Coleman, '72, Steve Trent, '70, Roger Messick, '52, Bill Johnston, '55, John McCutchan, '68,

Ben Zinkhan, '60, is inducted into Ad Astra per Aspera

In the 31 years since Augusta Military Academy closed its doors, only one alumnus has been added to the roster of AMA's honor society – *Ad Astra per Aspera*.

On the 90th anniversary of the society's founding by **General Roller** in 1925, **Benjamin Christian Zinkhan, III, '60**, became the second person to be so honored when his sweet wife, Joyce, attached the pin of membership to Ben's jacket.

No one has given more of their time and themselves to AMA than Ben. Even after several heart attacks, there is no slowing him down. This past winter he dealt almost singlehandedly with a broken sprinkler pipe during the coldest of weeks with the water running down inside the walls ruining the furnace and leaving the museum without heat for several weeks.

He has mowed the grass, raked the leaves, cleaned the bathrooms, swept the porches, put up the flags and worked without cease to prepare for and clean up after every reunion – all while greeting the hundreds of people who visit the museum each year. **Executive Director Crysta Stephenson** says, "Without Ben and his can do attitude, we would be in a world of hurt. He is always there, always available to help with any project and usually without asking since when he sees something that needs to be done, he just does it."

When Ben received his pin, all of the *Ad Astra*s in the room lined up in front of the podium to greet him. The pin he was given belonged to **Jerry Wildman, '57**, who received it on his graduation day.

Ad Astra inducted up to ten cadets each year, usually but not always seniors. The presentation of the *Ad Astra* pins was normally the last thing done at Finals.

The only other alumnus to be inducted since the school closed was the late **Gary Nicholson, '70**.



Ben's wife, Joyce, pins the *Ad Astra* button on his jacket.



OUT OF STRIDE'S HAT - Francesca Toms, Mickey's beautiful daughter, draws a winner from Stride's commodious chapeau, gripped tightly by Rick Smail.



READY TO SERVE - Sherri and Mark Femrite, '72, wearing AMA aprons (for sale in the PX!) and ready to serve the barbecue lunch in the gym.



READY TO SAIL - Vickie and Brian Miller, '67, with the metal boat for which they had the high bid at the Silent Auction.



BIG WINNER - Francine Milano (Mrs. Larry, '70) not only won two bottles of tipple from Frank and Bev Williamson's Tower of Power but she won a \$100 VISA card (see picture above, left) in the drawing for everyone who had bid in the Silent Auction.



FIFTY/FIFTY - Ruth Rosenthal pulls out a marked five dollar bill from the 50/50 container where bills had been placed over the weekend. Buddy Krise, '57, holds the pot. The winner was Shad White, '52, who gave his winnings to the Foundation.

Rick Smail, '67, and Ed Rogerville, '76, elected new trustees

Clarke is Chairman, Williamson Vice Chair, Traylor Treasurer, Bentley Secretary

For the first time, the AMA Alumni Foundation will hereafter be overseen by ten trustees instead of nine. The increase allowed the board to elect two new trustees Rick Smail, '67, and Ed Rogerville, '76, to three year terms. Reelected were Blaine Clarke, '72, Admiral Mary DeCredico and Phil Bentley, '83.

The Foundation Nominating Committee presented these five names which were approved at the General Membership meeting at the reunion.

When the trustees met later, they re-elected Clarke as Chairman, Traylor as Treasurer and Bentley as Secretary. **Frank Williamson, '60**, was elected vice chairman replacing **Bob Bradford, '50**, who had resigned.

Rick Smail was taking flight lessons when he was called to active duty where he went into the Warrant Officer program. After flight training, Rick went to Vietnam where he flew Hueys in combat for a year. After getting out of the service, he attended Utah State University where he met his Mary Ann. He graduated in 1975 and joined Delta Airlines in 1976 where he flew as a pilot until Delta's bankruptcy in 2005 "which broke my heart."

He then flew for Air India for two years and later Skywest. He now works part time as an air safety auditor. Rick and Mary Ann have three sons: Bryan, Zach and Richie. Bryan and Zach are married and Zach has a child. Richie is enrolled in an adult special needs school where he



Rick Smail, '67 *Recall*



Ed Rogerville, '75 *Recall*

will be for the foreseeable future.

Ed Rogerville entered the Marine Corps in 1978 and was discharged with a service connected disability in 1985 at the rank of sergeant. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). He is a Senior Project Superintendent and partner with Eilerson Development Corporation, a commercial contractor specializing in retail and institutional construction.

Ed and Shelby have five children: four sons, Eddie, John, Nick and Russell, and a daughter, Hunter. Their youngest son, Russell, is a cadet at Fishburne.

The Rogervilles live in Amelia County, Virginia. When he enrolled at AMA, his last name was Christian but he was adopted in the summer of 1975 and took his new father's last name.

At AMA, Smail was a staff sergeant in A Company, fenced and played golf, was on the *Bayonet* and *Recall* staffs and made the Honor Roll.

Rogerville was in Band Company and played soccer.

Clarke has been Chairman of the Foundation for the past three years. Williamson, the new vice chairman, was Chairman of the Foundation six years ago. Bentley and Traylor are serving their second terms as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Under the by-laws of the Alumni Association, Traylor is *ex officio* treasurer of that organization.

Trustees are elected to three year terms and officers to one year terms.

Stride tells us how he got his nickname

Over the years, many people have asked me how I got my name, "Stride." And they would ask, why would a parent name a kid Stride?

Well, I assure you I was not given that name by my parents. Here is the story.

When I arrived at AMA in September of 1966, I was assigned to B Company under the command of First Lieutenant R.



Michael Franklin, my platoon leader. On our first Sunday morning drill as we were marching around the Bowl, Lieutenant Franklin kept yelling at me about staying in step with the rest of the platoon.

When he brought the platoon to a halt, he walked up in front of me and said, "Coleman, where did you get that long Texas stride?"

So, there you go my AMA Brothers.

God Bless Augusta Military Academy and Lieutenant Mike Franklin for giving me a name that has been with me for the past 48 years!

Gary Gertz, '75, is the new Alumni Association Secretary

Gary Gertz, '75, brings to the Alumni Association Board a broad background in media, military service and work for a non profit. **President Steve Trent, '70**, has appointed Gary as Secretary of the Board.

Gertz went in the Navy after leaving AMA and graduated from Old Dominion University while on active duty.

Retiring as a Master Chief Storekeeper (E-9), he began a dual track into broadcast sports covering World Cup soccer in 1994 and the Olympic Games in 1996, 2000 and 2002.

Later, he was Senior Broadcast Producer at the United States Senate and left to become a vice president for an international child and maternal health non-profit.

Gary began free lance camera work for NBC in 1997 and was the principal cameraman for *Meet the Press* when Tim Russert was moderator.

In 2009, Gertz moved to the Missile Defense Agency where he works today. He and Carrie live in White Plains, MD with their "two canine fur babies, Hershey and Munch."



**Gary Gertz,
1975 Recall**



REMEMBERING VIETNAM - A contingent of alumni had a small service at the Front Arch honoring AMA men who lost their lives in the Vietnam War. As Colonel Livick read the names of the KIAs, a former cadet would step forward, salute and say, *"Died on the field of honor, sir."* Reunion 2016 will salute all the veterans of Vietnam.

SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR NEXT REUNION

15-17 APRIL 2016



Frank Williamson, '60

holds a bottle from The Tower of Power. Each year, he and Bev provide libations in the Tower and numbers are drawn to see who goes home with the golden liquid. Frank and Bev are the best friends AMA could ever have!



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Barbecue and Silent Auction: a tasty triumph!

When **Scott Travers**, '70, and **Rick Smail**, '67, suggested a barbecue for the Saturday lunch with the Silent Auction limited to the hours between noon and two PM (while the lunch was in progress), some wondered how that was going to work. In the past, the Silent Auction started Thursday night and ended Saturday night and reunion goers were pleased with the wonderful food served at past reunion lunches.

Surprise! The barbecue was a big success and the Silent Auction brought in nearly \$4,500! Thank you, Scott, Rick and everyone else who helped set up the Silent Auction tables, handle the payments, serve the food and set up and tear down the lunch tables. Thanks to all who donated items for the auction and to everyone who bid on them.

The barbecued chicken and pulled pork were prepared by Plan B Barbecue from Montross, VA, Scott's hometown. The potato salad and cole slaw were prepared by the loving hands of the ladies in **Joyce** and **Ben Zinkhan**'s church. (See page 42)

High bidders

Scott himself had the high bid of \$900 for a week at the Tea Barn in Vermont, a gift donated by **Carl Riedell**, '63. **Tom Delvalle**, '73, had the top bid of \$500 for a Springfield 03 donated by **Jack White**, '69, while **Vic Szalankeiwicz**, '84, had the top online bid of \$450 for a week at Buttonwood Bay on Key Largo, offered by **Kiki and Jorge Rovirosa**, '70.

Four NASCAR Hot Pit passes had the top online bids from **Jon Morrissey** (the great-grandson of AMA Sports Hall of Fame inductee **Captain Peter Morrissey**) and **Bruce Hemp**, AMA friend and Stuart Hall alumnae.

We thank the following people for donating items for the Silent Auction: **Luke Snyder**, '60, **Al Smith**, '66, **Phil Bentley**, '83, **Steve Trent**, '70, **Nancy and John Botcheller**, '67, **Ruth Rosenthal**, **Alina**

Scott Travers, '70, serves the barbecue lunch he planned and executed. Thanks, Scott!

Mateo, Lilian and Sergio Fernandez, '56, **Victor Gomez**, '69, **Scott Travers**, '70, **Shad White**, '52, **Jack White**, '69, **Gordon Metz**, '68, **Bruce Hemp**, **Reed Nettles**, '72, **Kiki and Jorge Rovirosa**, '70, **Carl Riedell**, '63, and **Nancy and Bob Bradford**, '50.

We thank also all of the people who bid on these items including **Brett Thompson**, '75 (who bought a Big Room Desk), **Phil Bentley**, '83, **Jim Atchison**, '73, **Jon Morrissey**, **Ron Harris**, '66, **Tom DelValle**, '73, **Garry Granger**, '71, **John Hash**, '75, **Jack White**, '69, **Patrick Andrews** (2015 AMA Legacy Scholarship recipient), **Mickey Toms**, '67, **Michael de Ayora**, '65, **Francine (Mrs. Larry**, '70) **Milano**, **Earl Pangborn**, '65, **Ruth (Mrs. Howard**, '68) **Rosenthal**, **Charles Burgess**, '63, **John Arthur**, '75, **John Botcheller**, '67, **Brenda (Mrs. Gordon**, '68) **Metz**, **Ben Zinkhan**, '60, **Marilyn Nico**, **Ed Schonborn**, '52, **Vickie and Brian Miller**, '67, **Fred Womer**, '58, **Mike Payne**, '76, **Steve Trent**, '70, **Jim Atchison**, '73, **B.J. d'Orsay**, '70, and **Bob Bradford**, '50.

Alumni Association President **Steve Trent**, '70, said that "folks who are not directly involved with planning our reunion events don't realize how much work goes into the preparation and execution. Just the barbecue lunch took lots of Scott's time and effort plus the logistics of transporting the food, getting the gym set up and broken down, cleaning up after. All of these things take volunteer effort and sometimes we forget that."



Angus Hines, '42, has an anticipatory smile as he goes through the line as **Mal Livick**, '75, helps serve.

**Sydney Lane is the granddaughter of
the late Tony Webster from the Class of 1957**

Sydney graduated from Keller High School in Keller, Texas with an outstanding academic record and says that her grandfather's life has inspired her and, to quote her, *"calmed my frantic heart"* and made it easier for her not just to choose a path but to forge one of her own.

She has worked as a lifeguard and is a water safety instructor and mentors other younger lifeguards. Sydney is in the National Honor Society and works with leaders in her community to bring their town together.

Sydney has attended the Northside Church for the last eight years where she helped set up the curriculum for elementary school Bible study.

She takes care of special need students and has been a camp counselor for fifth and sixth graders. Her English instructor says she is an exceptional student with a great reservoir of maturity.

Her quiet demeanor hides a powerful brilliant and talented young lady who will go places and make great marks along the way.

Sydney has been admitted to the prestigious Journalism School at the University of Missouri.

She says her grandfather, Tony Webster, graduated at the top of his class at AMA and at the University of Kentucky becoming a highly decorated Air Force officer. Sydney hopes to honor his memory by her undiluted efforts.

A 2015 AMA Legacy Scholarship to Sydney Lane.



Sydney Lane, granddaughter of Tony Webster, '57

Three fantastic high school graduates have earned AMA Legacy Scholarhips

Once again, three deserving young people have earned AMA Legacy Scholarships made possible by an institution which closed its doors before they were born, but which deserves to be remembered.

Scholarship Chairman **Phil Bentley**, '83, awarded two thousand dollar stipends to **Sydney Lane**, granddaughter of the late **Tony Webster**, '57, **Patrick Andrews**, the great grandson of both **Colonel Tom Roller** and **Louis Somerville**, '34, and the great-great-great grandson of AMA's founder **Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr.**, and **Hunter Liles** who is the granddaughter of **Edwin Liles**, '61.



Reverend Harold Hallock, Patrick Andrews' grandfather, reads Patrick letter of appreciation for having received the scholarship. Patrick attended other reunion events but was unable to be at the Awards Banquet.



Legacy Scholarship Chairman Phil Bentley, '83, presents a 2015 award to Hunter Liles, the granddaughter of Edwin Liles, '61.

The annual awards are available to the direct descendants of AMA alumni. Two of them are based on scholarship and one on leadership. The judge is **Dr. Mary DeCredico**, an AMA Foundation trustee and Professor of History at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis.

The scholarship program is in some jeopardy since contributions are lagging. If you are interested in seeing the scholarship grants continue, please contribute to the AMA Alumni Foundation and designate your donation for "Legacy Scholarships."

Patrick Andrews has family connections back to AMA's founding

Patrick's great-great-great grandfather was AMA's founder, **Professor Charles Roller, Senior**. His great-grandfather was **Louis Somerville** from the Class of 1934. His great-grandmother was **Hilton Roller Grasty**, the daughter of **Colonel Tom Roller**.



Patrick surrounded by his grandmother, Virgina Hallock at left, his mother Elizabeth Andrews and his grandfather Reverend Harold Hallock, photo taken at Founder's Day during Reunion 2015.

student achievement for years to come. He had the fastest National Honor Society in memory and while Patrick wears an insulin pump to control his diabetes he has never ever asked to be excused from an assignment.

He is acknowledged as a quiet and effective leader with an easy manner which endears him to all. Since having been diagnosed with diabetes he has nurtured the dream of finding a cure and his goal is to attend medical school and do research on this malady.

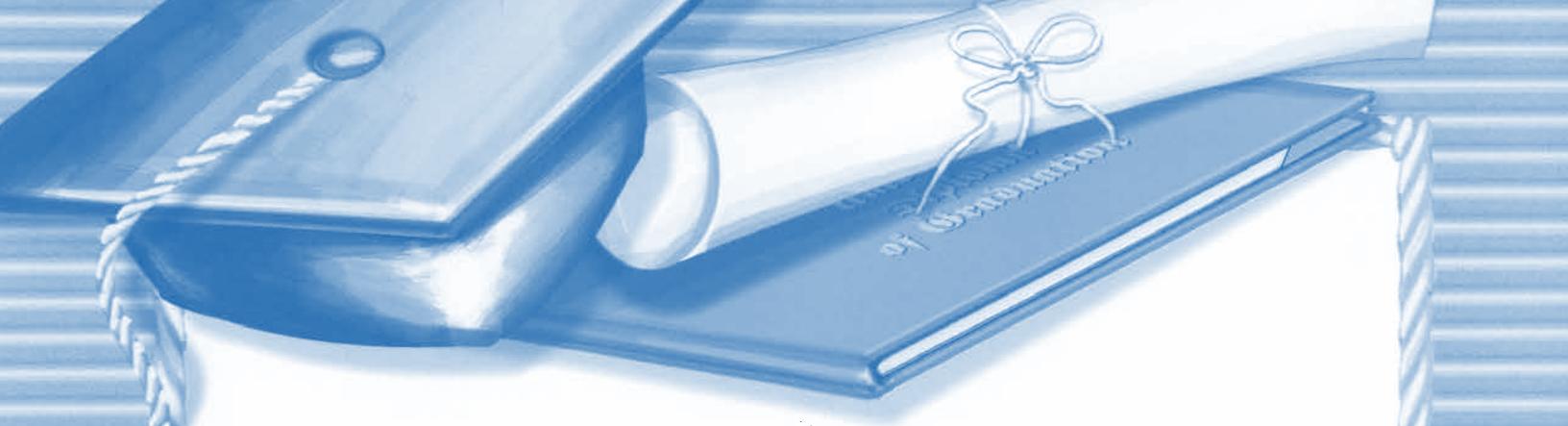
He was the captain of the JV baseball team, President of the Key Club and enrolled in the National and Math Honor Societies.

A 2015 AMA Legacy Scholarship to Patrick Andrews.

Patrick lives in Charlottesville and will attend Mister Jefferson's university this fall. He has been invited to be an Echols Scholar and a College Science Scholar, based no doubt on the fact that he earned only A's all through high school.

His English and Law instructor at Western Albemarle High School says that each year he writes more than 50 letters of recommendation for honors level students and Patrick is one of the most gifted students he has ever worked with.

Patrick is the editor-in-chief of his student newspaper. His writings have so impressed his instructor that they will be using them as a measure of



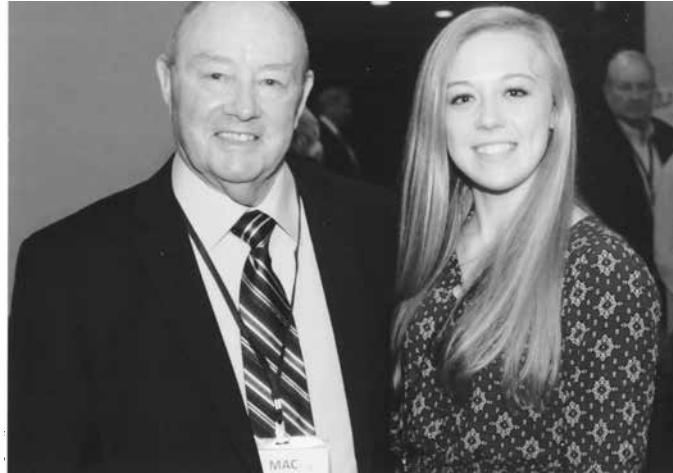
Hunter Liles is the granddaughter of Edwin Liles from the Class of 1961.

Hunter wants to become a large animal veterinarian and plans to attend the Maryland-Virginia Veterinary School in Blacksburg after taking the animal sciences curriculum at Virginia Tech.

Her biology teacher says that Hunter is a very mature young lady for her age. Intelligent, hard working and trustworthy is how she is described by her instructors.

She attended Governor's School and is active in the Virginia 4H horse program where she has competed successfully at the local, state and national levels.

She has been riding horses since she was four years old and not only is a prize winning rider but a judge as well.



Hunter Liles came to the Awards Banquet at Reunion 2015 with her grandfather, Mac Liles, '61.

Hunter works at Averett University as a member of the farm staff.

She maintained a 4.6 GPA while volunteering her time, having a job and taking college level classes at Governor's School.

She says her grandfather has influenced her and given her the support she needs to excel. In fact, he has driven her to many horse shows and other extracurricular activities.

While a student at Virginia Tech, Hunter plans to volunteer at the animal hospital.

Tech also has an intercollegiate equestrian team and Hunter hopes to qualify for that team.

After four years of undergraduate study at Tech... she will have four more years of graduate school before she reaches her goal.

A 2015 AMA Legacy Scholarship to Hunter Liles.

Our friend Sue Messerley is recovering at home after she suffered serious injuries in an encounter with a slow moving freight train. She suffered broken vertebrae and broken ribs and her car was demolished. Sue has received an AMA Alumni Medal for all the love and attention she gives to the publication of *The Bayonet* at Mid Valley Press. We look forward to your rapid and complete recovery, Sue.

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Roommates at AMA, Mike DeAyora, '65, from Merced, CA and Bill Godfrey, '64, from Woodstown, NJ are still arguing! Below, Shelby and Ed Rogerville, '76. Bottom, Becky and Mac McWilliams, '77. All at Reunion 2015!



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Stride Coleman, '72, underwent emergency surgery for a ruptured appendix just a few weeks after the reunion. We are all wishing him a speedy recovery. He lives near Fort Bragg and has many friends in the area who came to his aid.

SMA alumni join in AMA Open

Alumni from SMA not only played in this year's AMA Open but two of them were on the first place team. **John Foug** and **Alan "Boo" Mosser** of SMA teamed with **Paul Poluito**, 73, to take **Walter**, the trophy contributed by **Chuck Foley** from Missouri Military Academy.

The second place finish was a foursome composed of **Jackson Prentice**, '68, **John Botcheller**, '67, **Jack May**, '68, and **Ron Harris**, '66.

The third place team was **Al Zayas**, '72, **Howard Rosenthal**, '68, and SMA's **Lou Stathis**.

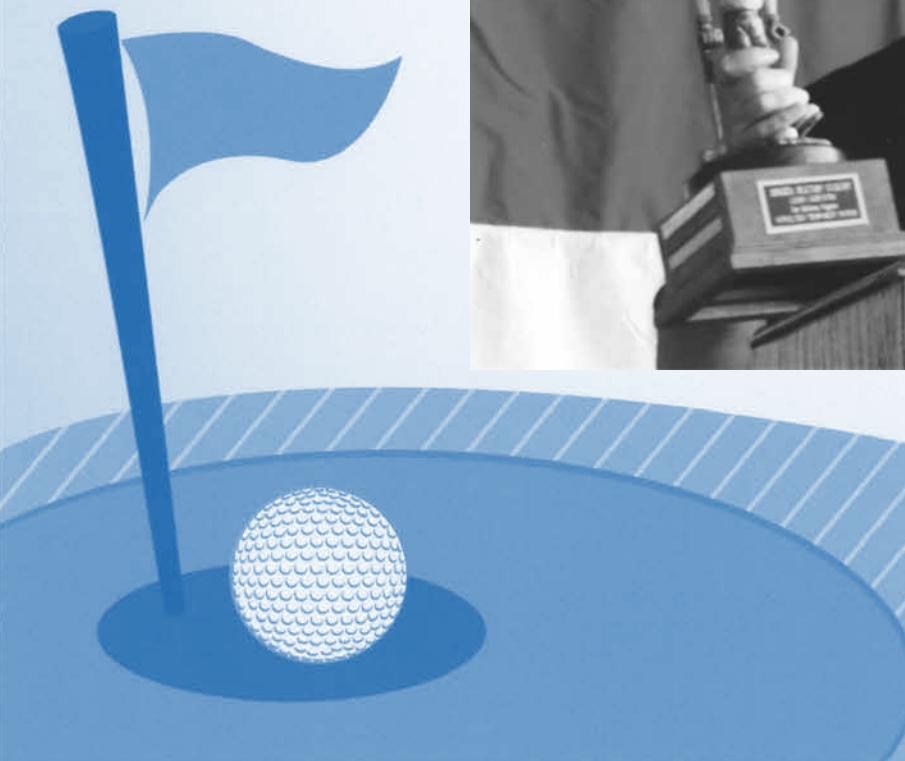
Jack May had the longest drive of the day and Boo Mosser won closest to the pin. The event earned some \$550 for the AMA Foundation.

Contributing to the "Goodie Bags" for the golfers were Prentice, May, Poluito, **Steve Trent**, '70, and **Bob Bradford**, '50. Paul offered a special thanks to his sweet wife, Phyllis, and to the Waynesboro County Club and their pro **Derrick Sandritter**.

We thank Paul for having been the golf chairman these past few years. We are hoping to have more golfers in the AMA Open in 2016 including our



friends from SMA and FMS. Plan now to attend Reunion 2016 and plan to play!



10 Years Ago

Reunion 2005 saw the "new" **Roller Rifles** with its premier performance and the audience was in awe at these dedicated troopers.

The signs on I-81 and US 11 pointing the way to AMA have been permanently installed thanks to **Norvell West, '83**, and his family.

World War Two veterans were honored on the 60th anniversary of the war's end. **Colonel Rutland Beard, '42** was paid tribute for earning the Combat Infantry Badge in three wars, one of only 230.

Rick Smail, '67, made his final flight as a Delta Airlines captain.

African American alumni remember their first year at AMA.



Fishburne invites AMA to their parade

The weekend after the AMA Reunion, Fishburne Military School invited AMA alumni to attend their dress parade. Inclement weather forced the ceremonies inside the FMS Gym but the performance of their Cadet Corps was no less impressive. Our thanks to Fishburne for the warm invitation.

Two decades, 71 issues of *The Bayonet*

Bob Bradford, '50, was surprised at the reunion Awards Dinner when he was honored for having edited *The Bayonet* for the past 20 years. In that time, 71 issues of the AMA newsletter/magazine have gone to press.

B.J. d'Orsay, '70, and **Frank Williamson, '60**, presented Bob with a certificate, a flag which had flown over the AMA Alumni House/Museum and a framed twenty dollar bill representing a dollar a year for his services. Bob mused that now at age 84, he will be 104 in

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B.J. d'Orsay, '70, left, and Frank Williamson, '60, right congratulate Bradford on 20 years as *Bayonet* editor.

At right, the AMA Museum flag flies proudly at Bob and Nancy's home in Folsom, CA.



Reunion motorcoach tour to Appomattox

Alumni visit the site of General Lee's surrender a week after 150th anniversary

Once again, **Frank Williamson, '60**, and Bev gave reunion goers a welcome taste of Virginia history. This year, the Williamsons led the AMA party to the place where the weary Army of Northern Virginia finally laid down its arms 150 years ago. Led by a National Park Service guide, the group saw the room where Generals Lee and Grant met and the printshop where paroles for Confederate POWs were printed. One likely recipient of a parole was AMA's founder **Charles S. Roller, Sr.** who had been captured by Union troops the day before the war ended.



Lunch at the famous Babcock House in Appomattox. Anne and Luke Snyder with tour leaders Bev and Frank Williamson. Both fellows from the Class of '60.



In front of the McLean House at Appomattox where Generals Lee and Grant met on 9 April 1865. Garry Granger, '71, Gary Understein, '71, and Tom DelValle, '73.

On the way to Appomattox from the Holiday Inn, riders viewed a Park Service video explaining how the war had come to an end in the parlor of Wilbur McLean who, after the Battles of Manassas (Bull Run), moved his family from that area so they would not be in the middle of a battlefield.

The group ate lunch in the Babcock House which has been serving lunches for many years. On the ride back to Staunton, the group encountered the only heavy rainfall for the entire reunion weekend in spite of the fact that rain had been predicted for every reunion day.

Bev and Frank served wine and soft drinks on the return to the hotel as the coach motored through a verdant Virginia countryside.



Gordon Metz, '68, AMA's Chaplain, and AMA Alumni Association President Steve Trent, '70, chat under the great trees at Appomattox on a beautiful April day in Virginia.



Foundation Board increases its number and elects officers

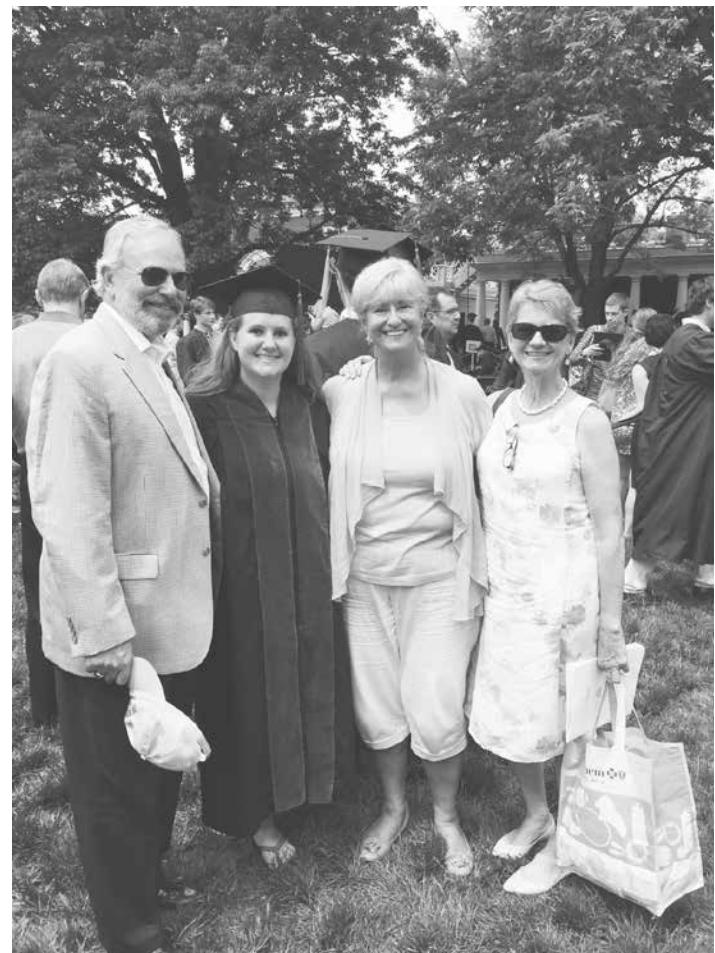
The AMA Alumni Foundation Board voted to increase its size from nine to ten and the General Membership meeting at the reunion elected five trustees to serve three year terms: **Blaine Clarke, '72, Admiral Mary DeCredico** of the US Naval Academy, **Phil Bentley, '83, Rick Smail, '67, and Ed Rogerville, '76.**

Clarke, DeCredico and Bentley are incumbents.

A meeting of Foundation Trustees was held with **Frank Williamson, '60**, presiding in the absence of **Chairman Blaine Clarke, '72**. The trustees welcomed two new members, Smail and Rogerville, and reelected Clarke as Chairman, **Steve Traylor, '72**, as Treasurer and Bentley as Secretary. Williamson was elected Vice Chairman.



WE MEET AGAIN! Elaine Huffman was secretary to Doc Savedge at AMA and was widely respected and loved by the cadets. At left, from the 1975 *Recall*. Above, she and Brett Thompson, '75, ran into each other and got caught up on old and new times.



TWO TIME WINNER of an AMA Legacy Scholarship, the daughter of the late Rob Nicol, '67, is now Doctor Casey P. Nicol, MD, MPH, having graduated from the School of Medicine at the University of Virginia. Pictured above, John Botcheller, '67, Dr. Nicol, Nancy Botcheller and Casey's proud mother, Marilyn. Rob, a US Air pilot, died of a heart attack in 1996. John and Nancy have remained close to Marilyn and Casey since Rob's untimely death.



The next Foundation Trustee and Alumni Association Board meetings are tentatively scheduled for Saturday 26 September. Time and place to be determined. Save the date!

OFFERING PRESIDENTIAL GRATITUDE - Steve Trent, '70, Alumni Association President, thanks his classmate Scott Travers, for arranging and executing the Saturday Barbecue at the reunion. Waiting to be thanked is Jack White, '69, who arranged AMA's attendance at the SMA Dance.

Tripping the light fantastic with SMA

This year, SMA, Stuart Hall and AMA had their alumni reunions on the same weekend. Some reunion goers found themselves running from one event to the other at their own venue or at one of the other school's happenings. The Staunton Military Academy Alumni Association generously invited AMA and Stuart Hall reunion attendees to a Friday night dance at the Clock Tower on Beverley Street in Staunton.

A grand time was had by all with both SMA and AMA alumni thinking this was a great idea. We owe thanks to **Jack White, '69**, for putting it all together and special thanks indeed to all of the SMA fellows who welcomed us so warmly. Two wonderful schools, gone but in our memories, each determined to protect its legacy.



Above, Nick and George Mineff, '77, with Keith Sterling, '76, and his wife. Below, Paul Poluito, '73, and Phyllis, right, with Ralph and Ann Sebrel, he from SMA's Class of 1945.



Nancy and John Botcheller, '67, dance the night away at the SMA Alumni Reunion event.



This year, we attended the SMA Dance. Some of their alumni took part in our Annual Sporting Clay Shoot. Looking ahead, we are hoping to continue these times of good fellowship together!





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Robert Goodloe Saunders, II - 1938-2015

Staff College in 1982 and the Air War College in 1983 and earned the Bronze Star in Vietnam, the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation, Vietnam Service Ribbon and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Award.

While he attended Augusta only three years, he was Battalion Commander his final year, played lacrosse, baseball and football, managed the swim team and marched in the Roller Rifles. He was

President of both the YMCA and the Final Ball and unsurprisingly was elected to *Ad Astra* in only his second year.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda, sons, Robert from Phoenix, AZ and Bailey from Tampa, FL, daughters Jamie from Pensacola, FL and Christie from Cave Creek, AZ, five grandsons, Samuel, Logan, Henry, Conner and Houston and his faithful dog, Daisy.

Services were held at the Hebron Baptist Church in the valley below his Afton home and he was buried in the church cemetery.



Lieutenant Colonel Saunders

Robert Goodloe Saunders, II, '57, a career Air Force officer who upon retirement returned to his Virginia boyhood home and was the father of the Augusta Military Academy Museum, has died after a prolonged battle with cancer. He was 76 and passed away on 3 June 2015 at his home in Afton.

The AMA Museum is a tribute to his foresight and enthusiasm. Many nay sayers claimed that it couldn't be done but Goodloe proved them wrong. The AMA Alumni Foundation was his idea created to set apart donations and make them tax deductible. So did he imagine and create the Roller Society whereby alumni and friends of AMA can arrange contributions after their lifetimes. He served as President of the AMA Alumni Association and Chairman of the Foundation in addition to being a long serving member of both boards. He also was an organizer of the AMA Legacy Scholarship program. For the sixteen years of its existence, Goodloe has been a faithful docent at his beloved museum.

Goodloe and AMA have a long connection. His father, **Robert Goodloe Saunders**, was in the Class of 1927, Goodloe was a second cousin of **Linda Roller Livick** and his uncle was **Colonel Cyrus McCue**. He, Linda and **Virginia Hallock** were second cousins and **Joe McCue, '66**, was also a cousin.

He graduated from Roanoke College with a BA in economics and received a masters degree in business administration from Central Michigan University. Goodloe retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel having had as one of his assignments the responsibility for Air Force One during the Nixon, Ford and Carter Presidencies.

He attended the USAF Squadron Officers School in 1970, the Air Command and



HAPPY DAYS - Above, Goodloe and Brenda with Bev and Frank Williamson, '60, at The Greenbrier. Below, on an AMA Cruise with his family.



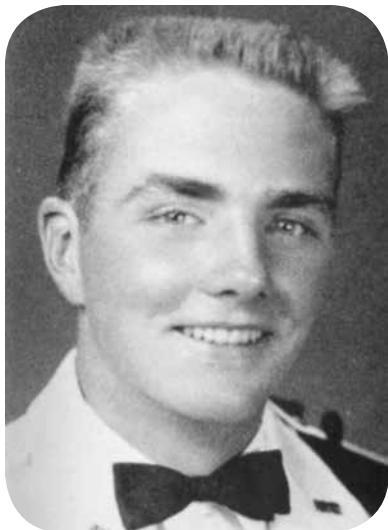
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SPOTLIGHT on Goodloe Saunders, '57

By Ruth (Mrs. Howard, '68) Rosenthal

Robert F. Kennedy said, "There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why. I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?"

In this Spotlight we introduce an AMA graduate who asked "Why not?" That person is Goodloe Saunders from the class of 1957. If it weren't for Goodloe asking "Why not?," the beautiful museum we have today would not be standing, and the AMA Alumni Foundation would not be in place to preserve the legacy of AMA. Creating a museum was Goodloe's idea, and although it seemed a pipe dream to many, he believed it could be done, inspired others to join him in his quest, and worked tirelessly until his dream came to fruition.



Senior photo, 1957 *Recall*

Battalion Commander. Not mentioned in his *Ab Astra* write up, however, was his participation in the Band. Nevertheless, he told me he was a Band member his second year. He was assigned to B Company and was a Second Lieutenant when he was told to report to the Band. That surprised him, as he was not the least bit musically inclined. He was assigned to the first row, right side, in a position normally occupied by a trombone player. He was then told, "If I ever hear one sound coming out of you, you're out of here!" Goodloe suspects he was the only AMA cadet who participated in Band for a whole year and never played a single note!

After leaving AMA, Goodloe went on to Roanoke College, graduating with a BA in economics. He later obtained a masters degree in business administration from Central Michigan University. In 1967, he entered the U.S. Air Force, and from 1967 to 1990, received training at the Squadron Officers School, Air Command

and Staff College, and Air War College. He achieved Lieutenant Colonel status and received the prestigious Bronze Star when his group took three shot-up B52's and made one functioning one, saving the military \$9 million. He also served on a highly secretive assignment which was revealed recently regarding a certain black winged aircraft.

In addition, he served on the Air Force One supply squadron at Andrews Air Force Base during the Nixon, Ford and Carter administrations, supplying parts worldwide for the plane, changing the china, matchbooks and snacks according to each president's whim. At one point Air Force One was grounded because the tires were not shined. Goodloe's group had to hurry off base to obtain "Tire Black" so that the tires could be painted and the plane allowed to take off!



AT THE 1999 REUNION, Goodloe received the key to the old Roller house from Reverend Jim Dunlap and Goodloe's dream of an AMA Museum had come true.

Upon leaving military service, he sold insurance for John Hancock, but eventually moved on to more creative pursuits, buying a flower shop from another AMA graduate. From 1993-1998, he and his wife Brenda owned and operated "The Flower Man." When his father died, Goodloe



HERE IS WHAT the house looked like when renovations began in 1999. Just look at the museum now, a tribute to Goodloe Saunders's determination!

inherited the family farm in Afton, Virginia. He sold half of the farm, took over the undeveloped half, and began its development. Doing this work and operating the flower shop proved to be too much, even for a mover and shaker like Goodloe, so he decided to devote his energy full-time to the farm. He and Brenda now maintain the farm, raising horses and selling hay. This work is interspersed with AMA volunteer work (more on that later) and spending time with his four children.

The children have followed similar paths and interests as his. Daughter Jamie is a C-130 navigator for the Air Force, and has served three tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan with NATO. Daughter Christie is a vet tech with four degrees in Exotic Animal Management and Training, especially tigers. Son Bailey is a manager for USAA insurance, which provides insurance to military members and families. Son Robert III is a civil engineer. The children and grandchildren are spread out across the country, but Goodloe and Brenda stay in close contact with all, and are looking forward to seeing the entire family at Christmas time.

Over the years, Goodloe has given to his community by serving as the director of the Crozet Lions Club and president of the James R. Goodloe Hunt Club. However, the contributions we appreciate the most are the ones he has made to AMA, and they are many. He was co-creator of the Legacy Scholarship Program and was a member of the President's Council, President of the AMA Alumni Association, Chairman of the AMA Alumni Foundation, a Board Member for the AMA Association and a Trustee for the AMA Alumni Foundation. If that isn't enough, he is currently a member of the Roller Society and a volunteer docent at the AMA Museum once a week and some weekend days. As **Bob Bradford, '50** says, "No one has been more loyal to our little school than Goodloe."

Help from other alumni

He is justifiably proud of his efforts to create the museum, which he proposed when he served on the AMA Alumni Association in the early 1990's. He believed that if AMA alumni could not have the school, they should at least have a museum to show the school in the best light possible. This was not easy, however, as the school grounds were owned by the United Pentecostal Church, the building that is now the museum was badly in need of repairs, and there were no exhibits for a museum. There also was no money for such a large endeavor. However, Goodloe remained undaunted by these challenges, and started his quest to create a lasting memorial for his beloved school. He enlisted help from **Duke Fancher, '58**, who Goodloe says stood side by side with him all the way, as well as **Gary Nicholson, '70**, **Terry Snow, '58**, **Ben Zinkhan, '70**, **Sergeant Don Studer** and others who shared his dream.

A house was found near the Depot Restaurant in Staunton as a possible location for a museum. Then meetings were held with the Pentecostal Church, which had just acquired the school grounds. An agreement was reached to use the current museum building, but much work was needed to make the run down house from the 1870s



GOODLOE VOLUNTEERS at the AMA Museum at least once a week and loves to answer questions from young people who were not born when AMA closed.

safe and attractive to visitors. Among other things, central air/heat and a sprinkler system needed to be installed, and remodeling and electrical work had to be performed. All work had to be done in compliance with historical and Code specifications. As if that weren't enough, a huge amount of money needed to be raised, and exhibits obtained and created. A call went out to alumni and friends, asking for memorabilia, grade books from the cadets, and other items to tell the story of AMA. Money, of course, was also requested. Response was overwhelming, as alumni searched their attics, basements and wallets for contributions. **Ed Click, '50**, contracted with local prisons for prisoners to craft beautiful display cases to hold what was found. Duke Fancher was at AMA daily to do historical research and collect everyone's stories. Goodloe and the Association started with almost nothing, but ended up with the beautiful and compelling museum we have today.

But the story isn't finished. Always a forward thinker, Goodloe realized that opening the museum was only the first step. With the school closed and its former students aging, he knew that eventually there would be no money to keep the museum alive. With **Ed Click** and **Bob Bradford**, he founded the AMA Alumni Foundation and the Roller Society. This society honors those who give to the Alumni Foundation after their lifetimes. It is on the shoulders of these dedicated heroes that AMA's future will be built. Money collected from Roller Society bequests goes towards funding AMA and VMI Scholarships, maintaining and improving the AMA Museum and supporting the printing and mailing of *The Bayonet*.

Goodloe, we salute and thank you for your outstanding foresight and tireless efforts to create and perpetuate a lasting tribute to the Augusta Military Academy. Without your vision and your unfailing questioning of "Why not?," we would not have the lasting tribute to our school that we have today.

Bobby Kennedy would have been very proud!





Speaking at Reunion 2010



FROM 1998, Alumni Secretary Clyde Ramsey, '49, Goodloe and the late Gary Nicholson, '70, former President of the Alumni Association.

"I often visit the Museum, usually on a Thursday, and that was when Goodloe would be there on duty. I realized how much loyalty and devotion he had for AMA. Linda and I will certainly miss him."

- Colonel Mal Livick

"Goodloe was truly an AMA man and an avid supporter of our museum and our efforts to improve it. I fervently wish that all of our alums had the same level of care and support for our museum and our alumni organizations; it will be needed in the future."

- Blaine Clarke, '72

"I have known Goodloe since I was 14 years old. It was my special privilege to work with him in establishing our museum. Without his drive we would never have come close to what we have today. When I had a stroke, I will never forget how Goodloe and Brenda took care of me. I was truly honored to be his friend. The AMA Museum is his monument." - Duke Fancher, '58

"I am saddened by the passing of an AMA brother who single-handedly did so much to maintain alive the legacy of our school. He brought life to the AMA Museum and his memory will live on within the walls of the old house." - Jorge Rovirosa, '70

"Truly, a huge loss to his family and friends. We, all of us, his AMA family, will also greatly feel his absence. His dedication and unfailing faith in our museum led him to give generously of his time and treasure. He also had a sense of humor that made every story he told a classic. I will miss that." - Frank Williamson, '60

"Goodloe was completely committed to AMA and gave more than his fair to our museum and our organization. There is a void that can never be filled." - Ed Rogerville, '76

"Goodie deserves the lion's share of praise for the creation of our museum. Nothing dampened his enthusiasm for the project. He initiated the Legacy scholarships and created the Foundation. He gave greatly of his time and resources and in spite of his health problems persisted in exhorting alumni to support and finance the museum and the other alumni programs. Always positive and reassuring!" - Ed Click, '50

"It was perfectly fitting that part of Goodloe Saunders' name was 'Good,' for he was that and always will be that. He loved this museum and this school and gave a good part of his precious life to both and we are all the better for it. It is hard to say goodbye to this great man." - Crysta Stephenson, Museum Executive Director

"I was saddened to hear about Goodloe. He was an inspiration to many who got reinvolved with AMA because of him. We were in Band Company together and he was a great leader. I wish Brenda and his family God's blessings." - Luke Snyder, '60

"During my six years at AMA, Goodloe was my favorite First Captain, primarily because of the wonderful traits he lived by all of his life: honesty, integrity, loyalty and humility. What a huge part he played in keeping our Alumni Association vibrant and active." - Bill McVey, '60

"A more generous man I have yet to meet. He continued to give of himself even when it hurt physically. Long after he should have forsaken his duties at the Museum, he continued on through his pain. God bless him for all he did for us all." - Bob Bradford, '50

"A terrible loss. Goodloe was the pioneer for the museum and the Roller Society. He gave his all to Augusta, a person who could walk with kings, yet not lose the common touch. My thoughts and prayers are with Brenda and their family" - Steve Trent, '70

"God bless this very good man. I hope that he will say hello to Doc and Colonel Hoover from all of us." - Chris Meek, '83



THE FLAGS AT HALF STAFF, fellow Museum Volunteer Ben Zinkhan, '60, salutes his friend, Goodloe. *"The last thing Goodloe said to me was 'I love you, buddy.' I will miss him terribly."*

The family suggests donations in Goodloe's memory to the AMA Alumni Foundation, PO Box 100, Fort Defiance 24437

Founder's Day salutes WWII KIAs

Seventy years after World War Two ended in 1945, former AMA cadets who did not return from that war were honored at Founder's Day services during Reunion 2015.

Ed Click, '50, read the names of the dead in front of the Roller obelisk under which is buried AMA's founder who served in the Civil War which ended 150 years ago in 1865. The sacrifice of American lives in both of these conflicts has given us the precious and precarious freedoms we enjoy today.

Chaplain Gordon Metz, '68, read the names of alumni whose deaths have been reported since the last reunion. The Virginia Military Institute Color Guard presented the Colors and a cannon fired after the last names were read.



Chaplain Metz reads the names of alumni who have been reported deceased since the last reunion. Founder's Day Chairman Ed Click stands to his right.



Tradition says that Founder's Day originally was on 8 May each year, **Professor Charles S. Roller, Senior's** birthday. His wife reportedly walked into the Professor's class room one 8 May and declared it a school holiday. Ever since, the day has been celebrated but because of the unavailability of hotel rooms near that date, Founder's Day has been observed during each year's reunion.

Professor Roller, **General Charles S. Roller, Jr.** and **Colonel Tom Roller** all are buried near the Roller obelisk including

Taylor Livick, the son of **Colonel and Mrs. Livick**, who passed away in 1994 while playing softball.

VMI has sent its Color Guard to the last six ceremonies. General Roller graduated from VMI in 1901.



Colonel Mal and Linda Roller Livick

THE WORLD WAR TWO HONOR ROLL

Examine the list of these 51 heroes. Of the 26 officers killed, 20 of them were second or first lieutenants. Thirty five served in the Army with 18 of these in the Army Air Corps. Two Navy men died, both officers. Five AMA KIAs were Marines and two were lieutenant grade. Two AMA men perished in the Merchant Marine, one flying with the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) and one attached to the Chinese National Aviation Company.

Two were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, second only to the Medal of Honor in the valor hierarchy. A dozen won Silver and Bronze Stars and there were eight Air Medals given AMA alumni for their heroic service.

Think about this: Fifty one AMA alumni died in the war and the AMA Class of 1942 had just 42 members. Is there any other school which made such a proportional sacrifice?

Private First Class Rufus Alexander McPherson
Class of 1923, US Army
Killed in action in the Pacific

Sergeant Thomas Clagett Bowling, Jr.
Class of 1926, US Army
Silver Star, killed in action in France

Captain James M. Klaus
Class of 1927, US Army
Killed on Okinawa

Lieutenant Colonel John Hubert Mathews
Class of 1927, US Army
Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star
Killed on Omaha Beach on D-Day,
6 June 1944

2nd Lieutenant William J. Montgomery
Class of 1929, US Army Air Corps
Air Medal, lost in the air over Denmark

Major James Louis Pryor
Class of 1930, US Army
Struck down by a tropical disease

Private Thomas Rutherford Moore, Jr.
Class of 1931, US Army
Silver Star, Purple Heart
Killed in action in Germany

Private Charles Robinson Hanes
Class of 1932, US Army
Distinguished Service Cross
Killed in action in Italy

1st Lieutenant Spottsworth Preston, Jr.
Class of 1932, US Marine Corps
Navy Cross, bayoneted by Japanese
troops on Kwajalein

Corporal Richard Douglas Watkins
Class of 1932, US Army Air Corps
Killed in a bomber crash in the Pacific

1st Lieutenant John Ireland Macey
Class of 1933, US Army
Killed in Italy when his Jeep hit a mine

1st Lieutenant Hampden P. Morris, III
Class of 1933, US Army Air Corps
Killed in World War II plane crash

Major Joseph X. Bell
Class of 1934, US Army Air Corps
Silver Star, killed in action over Germany

1st Lieutenant Charles Dowell Buckley
Class of 1934, US Army Air Corps
Killed in the invasion of North Africa

1st Lieutenant Franklin James Byrd
Class of 1934, US Army Air Corps
Killed in plane crash in Brazil

Lieutenant Commander David Spencer Wilson
Class of 1934, US Navy
Died when his submarine sank in the Pacific

Corporal Ralph John Greeley
Class of 1935, US Marine Corps
Killed in action on Okinawa

1st Lieutenant Ferris L. Wharton
Class of 1935, US Marine Corps
Killed in action on Guam

2nd Lieutenant Clarence Alfred Clyborne, Jr.
Class of 1937, US Army Air Corps
Captured and executed by the Japanese

Sergeant Baxter Emerald McNeer
Class of 1937, US Army Air Corps
Killed flying over The Hump

1st Lieutenant James Fiske Searcy
Class of 1937, US Army
Killed in action in New Guinea

Corporal William Larry Stone
Class of 1937, US Army
**Purple Heart, died of wounds received
in Germany**

Captain Weldon Frank Tutwiler
Class of 1937
Chinese National Aviation Company
Senior pilot flying C47s over The Hump,
Killed in action over China

Merchant Seaman James T. White
Class of 1937, US Merchant Marine
Killed at sea

2nd Lieutenant
Robert J. Ast
Class of 1938,
US Army
Silver Star,
killed in the
Huertgen Forest,
Germany

Private Calvin W. Harshbarger
Class of 1938, US Army
Killed in action in Germany

1st Lieutenant James B. McClatchey
Class of 1938, US Army
Bronze Star, killed in Battle of Normandy

2nd Lieutenant Alfred F. Odom
Class of 1938, US Army Air Corps
Killed in action over Austria

Captain Marvin R. Weller
Class of 1938, US Army Air Corps
Killed in a plane crash

2nd Lieutenant Hawes Netherlands Adams
Class of 1939, US Army Air Corps
Killed in action over Africa

1st Lieutenant Thaddeus W. Jones, Jr.
Class of 1939, US Army Air Corps
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster
Killed in a plane crash in the Pacific

2nd Lieutenant Harry Lee Smith, Jr.
Class of 1939, US Army
Killed in action in Italy

2nd Lieutenant Sidney Rogers Gittens, Jr.
Class of 1940, US Army
Killed in action in Germany

Sergeant Bombardier Charles Derek Redgrave
Class of 1940, Royal Canadian Air Force
Killed in action over the English Channel

2nd Lieutenant William Frank Crummett, Jr.
Class of 1941, US Army Air Corps
Killed in an aircraft training accident

Ensign Philip John Friedrichs Dermody
Class of 1941, US Naval Air Corps
Killed in a midair collision

2nd Lieutenant Hubert E. Ellenberger, Jr.

Class of 1941, US Army
Killed in action in Italy

Private Joseph Brent Raleigh
Class of 1941, US Marine Corps
Killed in action on Guadalcanal



Charles Robertson Hanes, '32, left, from Winston-Salem, NC received a Distinguished Service Medal for heroism in Italy, an honor received also by John Hubert Mathews, '27, right, from West Virginia who was killed in action on D-Day. The DSM is second only to the Medal of Honor in the medals hierarchy.

Sergeant Parke J. Bair, Jr.
Class of 1942, US Army Air Corps
Killed in action over North Africa

1st Lieutenant Morris Perrow Guerrant
Class of 1942, US Army
Bronze Star, Silver Star
Killed in action in Germany

2nd Lieutenant Elbert Fancher Hamilton
Class of 1942, US Army Airborne Pathfinder
Bronze Star, died of wounds received in
the Normandy Campaign

Sergeant
Matthew S. Ransom, III
Class of 1942,
US Army Air Corps
Killed in the air
over England

Merchant Seaman Joseph Thomas Winn
Class of 1942, US Merchant Marine
Died when his ship was torpedoed in
the North Atlantic

Technical Sergeant Steve N. Vidnovic
Class of 1942, US Army
Killed in the Battle of the Bulge

Sergeant Claude P. Bradley
Class of 1943, US Army
Died when his troopship was
torpedoed in the English Channel

Staff Sergeant Donald Robert Higgins
Class of 1943, US Army
Killed in action in Germany

Flight Officer Ollie Dice Mace, Jr.
Class of 1943, US Army Air Corps
Killed in an aircraft accident

Corporal Thomas Spotswood West
Class of 1943, US Army
Killed in action in Germany

Sergeant Francis Godfrey Wishart
Class of 1943, US Army Air Corps
Air Medal, killed in action over Germany

Corporal Charles M. Crummett, Jr.
Class of 1944, US Army Air Corps
Died in a plane crash in The Philippines

Private First Class Davidson Eborn
Class of 1944, US Marine Corps
Killed by rifle fire in China

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TO THESE BRAVE MEN

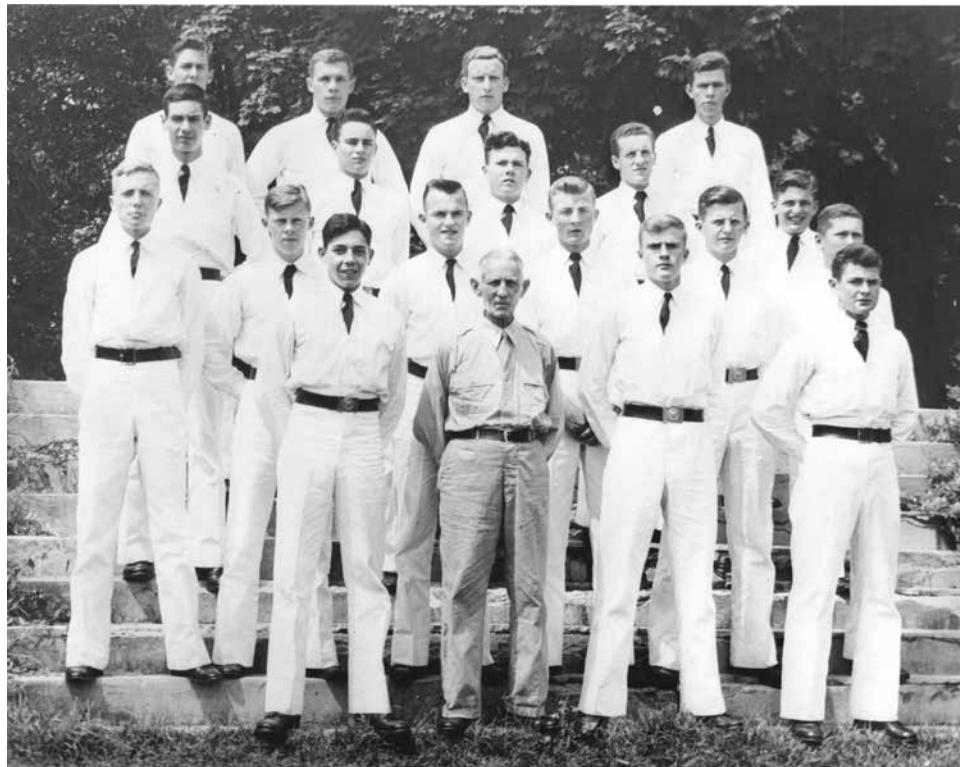
Sports Hall of Fame inducts two

Two alumni and a former coach and faculty member were elected to the 2015 Sports Hall of Fame but just two of them were inducted at the reunion.

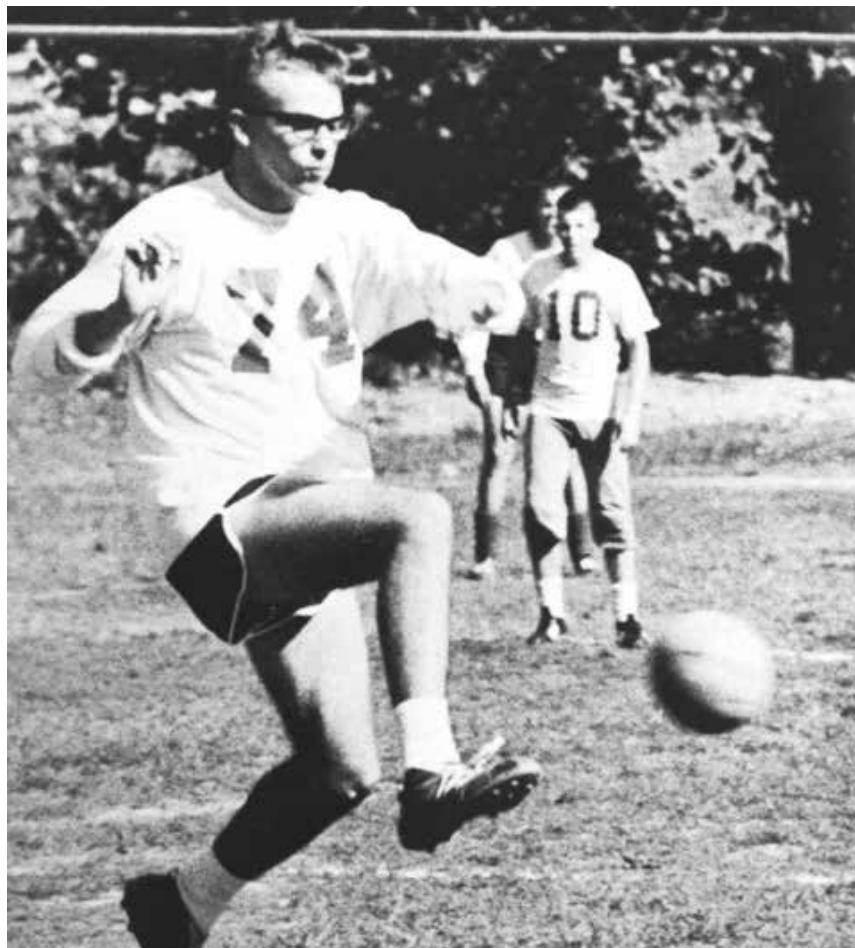
John Botcheller, '67, was selected because of his prowess as a lefty on the mound and his skill as a soccer player. **Captain Peter Morrissey** was elected based on his worldwide leadership in competitive swimming before finishing his active life at Augusta.

Major General Larry Nicholson, '75, Commanding General of the 1st Marine Division, was also elected but asked that his induction be deferred until Reunion 2016.

This was the eighth year for the Hall of Fame with the first inductees honored at Reunion 2008.



Captain Peter Morrissey with the AMA Swim Team



Since 2008, 35 alumni, two teams, seven coaches, a national sports writer and our number one sports fan the late **Bill Parkins, '70**, have gone into the Hall. The honor is a special one since some 13,000 young men attended Augusta – 35 out of 13,000!

Many of the past inductees were great athletes or coaches at AMA. Others had athletic glory later in life, or in the case of Captain Morrissey, before he came to Fort Defiance.

Each year, AMA alumni and friends are asked to nominate worthy candidates for the Hall. Ten judges including alumni and former coaches make the final selections.

The first person to be inducted in 2008 was **General Charles S. Roller, Jr.** whose strong support for athletics enabled the Blue and White teams to thrive during and after his lifetime.

We ask that you now consider who are worthy candidates for induction into the 2016 Sports Hall of Fame.

Watch future Bayonets for details.

Captain Peter Morrissey

We had the privilege of inducting a very inspiring man who came to AMA as a coach and teacher in his later life and who had made a national reputation before that happened.

In 2006, *The Bayonet* received a letter from the great-grandson of Peter J. Morrissey asking for information about his time on the staff at AMA. Ed Click remembered that he had taken Captain Morrissey's physical geography class and both Ed and Ernest Click remembered Morrissey as their swim coach.



Joanathan Morrissey accepts for his great-grandfather

It is very obvious from his life story that Captain Morrissey had a passion for coaching children and young adults.

He was a veteran of World War One who rose to the rank of captain, was an Irish immigrant who came to this country in his teens and who came to AMA during the Second World War, passing away in 1947.

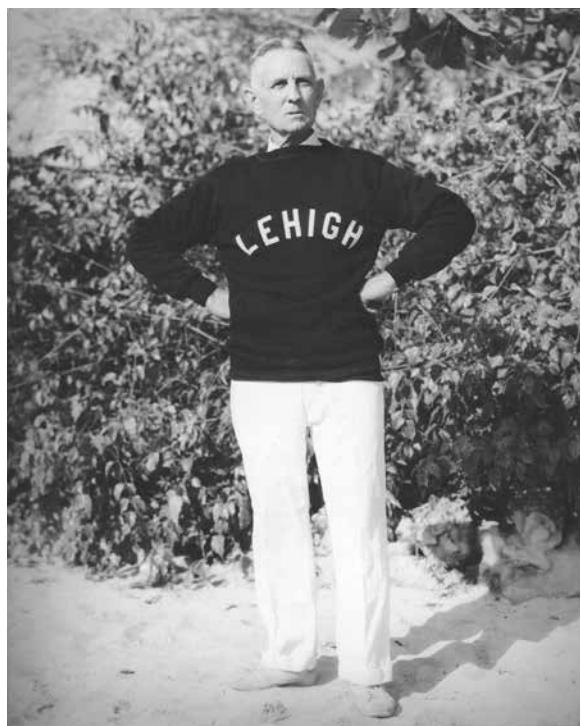
He had been the swim coach at both Lehigh and Washington and Lee Universities and in his career had coached 14 national champion swimmers.

He was head trainer at Lehigh for four years, was President of the National Intercollegiate Swimming Association

and was the Eastern District Coach for the US Olympic swim and wrestling teams in 1920, 1924 and 1928.

Captain Morrissey founded the National Collegiate Life Saving Society and was a coach and referee at the Penn Relays for nearly 25 years. He introduced water polo as a collegiate event for the first time and even invented the first inflatable swimming cap which could help keep a swimmer afloat for a long period of time.

He liked to be called "Pete" or "Pop." Accepting Pop Morrissey's induction into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame was his great-grandson – from Easton, Pennsylvania – Jonathan Morrissey.



John Joseph Paul Botcheller, '67

John Botcheller was a two sport athlete during the four years he attended AMA. His senior year, he was an Academic All Military League MVP.

His roommate **Mickey Toms** says that John was great at soccer but baseball was his sport of choice. He was taught to play baseball at an early age by his father who was a New York Yankee lifetime fan.



John brought to AMA a skill rarely seen in the 1960s. Not only could he field and bat, he could pitch. A lefty who made Augusta a winner in a sport where we had not always done well.

His senior year, he was named ALL Military First Team Pitcher and he defeated SMA almost singlehandedly when they led the league. He batted almost .400 his last year and won a lot of games with his bat.



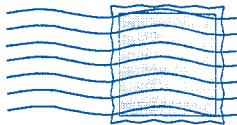
Mickey Toms welcomes John Botcheller to the gym stage

where AMA had beaten their frosh team twice, the Blue and White soon realized they were up against many of the Generals' varsity players.

Trailing one-zip late in the game, John drove a long, hard kick from AMA's end of the field and caught the W&L goalie asleep. The ball bounced once and into the goal. The game ended, W&L wanted overtime but Colonel Hoover had herded his team back on the bus and the season ended with AMA undefeated, unbeaten, thanks to John Botcheller!

John was Valedictorian his senior year, Battalion Adjutant, yearbook editor, *Ad Astra* and all round leader and role model. AMA can be proud of this Bluestreak – John Botcheller.

Letters to the Editor



Remembering Colonel Hoover

Major/Colonel Paul V. Hoover may have rubbed some cadets the wrong way but he was a truly caring professor. It just hit me that when he would say something or teach something, he would always say "why" and explain what he meant. Yes, he was eccentric but he loved his teams, the school and the cadets.

I never got to thank him when he was alive for his friendship to me so I am doing it now. Thanks, Major, for all you did for me. I wasn't on any of his athletic teams but we were friends and I am sure it was he who put me in for *Ad Astra* for which I will ever be grateful.

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Peyton Lea, '65
Oviedo, FL

Summer intern grateful for experience

I want to offer my thanks for letting me be a part of your AMA Museum team this past summer. What I learned is still very fresh in my mind and it was such a pleasure meeting those dedicated people who volunteer at the museum.

I only hope, as a recent JMU graduate, that I can find a career with people as sincere as the AMA volunteers. Having my AMA internship on my resume is a big plus!

Megan Moore
Waynesboro, VA

Alumnus likes *The Bayonet*

It is always gratifying to see the AMA spirit thriving. I enjoyed reading *The Bayonet* when I was a cadet in the late '70s and I enjoy it even more now. Keep up the great work! Enclosed is a contribution. *Ad Astra per Aspera!*

Erwin Bridoux, '79
Minnetrista, MN

More appreciated praise

Thanks for the hours spent writing, researching and composing *The Bayonet*. It is with great excitement that I read about our alumni, friends and the legacy of our beloved school. I read it cover to cover the moment it arrives, then put it aside to look at again and again. I have to get it out of the mailbox before my kids find it since they too enjoy reading it! Thanks so much for the excellent work!

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Bob Harris, '54
Amherst, VA

Memories of times past

I enjoy reading *The Bayonet* which keeps me in touch with people I knew at AMA. I found out by reading it that my old friend "Shorty" Long, '45, who saved me from getting a whipping in my rat year, was an SAE at UVA as was I. Growing up in Lynchburg, many of the boys I knew

there became SAEs at Virginia. I dearly wish I could come back to visit the museum but sadly my travel days are over.

John Younger, '43
East Point, GA

Brett Thompson on the reunion

Ed Cabo, '74, was one of my closest friends when we were at AMA together. He died a few years ago after a tough bout with MS and we scattered some of his ashes in the Big Barracks courtyard.

Our number gets smaller as each year passes and for all kinds of reasons, we don't visit with each other as we should. Seeing old friends at the reunion after 40 years was wonderful! We never know when our ticket will be punched. Mine got a sizable dent two years ago and I look at things differently now.

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Brett Thompson, '75
Waynesboro, VA

Report from the Wharton School

The AMA Legacy Scholarship I received last year has helped me get the most from my experiences at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. It helped fund my trip to Hong Kong and Macau with the Wharton International Program. We learned first hand about entering new markets, branding, supply chain management, production and sourcing. We had access to Calvin Klein, Wynn, ImagineX and Li and Fung, a huge supply management firm.

I am active in the Wharton Retail Club and was in charge of planning our annual Wharton Undergraduate Marketing Conference where we raised attendance 150 per cent! My family and I are truly thankful that the AMA Scholarship has made all of this possible.

Kathy Suero, granddaughter of Roberto Suero, '47
Philadelphia, PA

Patrick Andrews grateful for scholarship

If you knew my great-grandmother, **Hilton Roller Grasty**, you knew of her love for Augusta Military Academy. She spoke with passion not only of the school that her grandfather established but also of the boys who attended and, under the direction of her father, became men of character. She married one of these cadets and held others close to her heart. After the closing of AMA, she delighted in the phone calls, letters and visits from her boys.

My great-grandmother told me of the men who had meant so much to her at AMA. As I think back on her stories and look back on my life so far, I feel a connection to them through our shared values.

Three generations of men in my family served to better the community in which they lived. My great-great-great grandfather, **Charles Summerville Roller**, valued education and founded Augusta Male Academy in order to help shape the lives of young men in the Valley. Through the tutoring programs of the National Honor Society and

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Sporting Clay Shoot

Record turnout for 2016 with SMA alumni, ladies

Report from **Mike Payne, '76**

The 16th annual Augusta Military Academy Alumni Sporting Clay Shoot had the best turnout to date thanks to the efforts of **Blaine Clarke, '72**, who unfortunately did not get to

attend and see the fruits of his labor. We had nearly 20 participants of which 15 were AMA fellows or family with the remainder being from SMA. The shooters included two husbands and wives as well as a mother and daughter. Many were new to the sport.

We had three winners of past shoots, two AMA Sports Hall of Fame shooters and several military vets. Competition was going to be stiff on a very challenging course of 16 different firing stations or points under which most would consider ideal weather conditions.

Under the watchful eye of **Garry Granger, '71**, who was our official scorekeeper determined to keep us honest while being a colorful commentator, we began the shoot.

After the first two stations, it became quite apparent that if you wanted to win a plaque you were going to have to hang tough. No one in the first group missed a single target!

After the first 50 targets, the top five shooters were separated only by five targets and after 90 the top three were neck and neck.

Toward the middle of the course, **Tom DelValle, '73**, decided to check out the trick shooting abilities of some shooters and received a big surprise when what seemed to be an impossible shot was accomplished.



Rachael, the daughter of **Billy Sturgis, '75**, lets fly at a clay at the Flying Rabbit. Three ladies participated this year.

Once at the final station, Tom showed everyone why he is in the AMA Sports Hall of Fame for shooting, clinching the win with a 72/100 while using a borrowed shotgun.

He won by one shot over a very determined **Stride Coleman, '72**, who had 71/100. **Mike Payne, '76**, took third with 70/100 and **Phil Bentley, '83**, and **Rick Ellett, '72**, tied for fourth with 59/100.

AMA and SMA members alike enjoyed the day and are looking forward to our next joint venture.

I believe that the new shooters may be hooked and will be looking forward to purchase their own shotguns in the very near future!

The SMA men were led by **Jack Vaughn, '69**, who shot 16 for 16 on Station 14. **Bill Hildebrand, '73**, only missed one at each station using a .28 gauge. Two of the Hilltoppers only shot 50 rounds. All of the AMA men were really pleased to have our former rivals present.



Mike Payne, '76, gives the second place award to **Stride Coleman, '72**. Stride led until the final station when **Tom DelValle, '73**, edged him by a single shot. Tom will be talking about this all of this and next year!

On the lookout for stolen goods

In the last issue, we printed an article about a burglary at the Staunton home of **Tommy Mitchell, '52**. Among items taken were his AMA Class Ring and his *Ad Astra* pin.

If you see any such items for sale on line or at an auction, please get in touch with Tommy's daughter, Kimberly, at 540/294-4722 or 540/885-6019. Needless to say, these items mean a lot to Tommy and he would like to have them back.



FROM 1946 - Lew Mundin, '53, sent this from his first year at AMA, 1946. That is Lew in the center and to the right is Linda Moorman Roller, now Mrs. Mal Livick. To the right of Linda is Lew's roommate, Tommy Hailey, '50, wearing a shako. The other cadets in the photo are unknown. The picture was taken by Lew's Dad, Lewis Mundin, '26.

FaceBook photos don't work

The *Bayonet* receives many photos taken from FaceBook which, unfortunately, we cannot use. While FaceBook photos may look good on a computer screen, they do not have the high resolution needed to make a quality image on paper.

Many FaceBook photos are 75 dots per inch (dpi) resolution or less while we require a minimum of 300 dpi for a crisp clear photo on our pages. Please remember this when you are sending us photos!

Sweet Briar to close after 114 years

Sweet Briar College, the all female educational institution located twelve miles from Lynchburg, has closed its doors after 114 years citing continually diminishing enrollment at the rural location.



IDENTIFICATION - In the last issue in the article concerning the death of Lieutenant General Bill Martin, '32, we printed the photo, above, but could not ID all in the picture. Colonel Livick and several alumni have given us the names: Major John Keeler, '38, who was PIO at AMA, General Martin, Cadet Don Wallace, '65, who had been chosen Best New Cadet that year, and Colonel Leonard Gardner, who was serving as AMA's Superintendent. The photo is from the 1966 *Recall*.

Sam Clegg, '60, salutes 1883 alum

One hundred thirty two years after **John Alexander Harman** graduated from AMA, an alumnus who finished at Augusta 77 years later has presented a fascinating memory book to the AMA Museum. **Sam Clegg, '60**, a combat disabled Army Infantry Officer, has assembled an engaging account of Harman's short but fruitful life.

Harman was the first AMA man to attend West Point being commissioned in the US Army 7th Cavalry in 1887, the unit commanded by General Custer at the Battle of the Little Big Horn fourteen years earlier. Clegg says that Harman's father and three uncles were Confederate veterans and being from Augusta County, no doubt knew another Confederate veteran **Professor Roller**, AMA's founder. Harman's father, Colonel Asher Harman, was wounded at the Battle of Brandy Station, the largest predominately cavalry engagement of the Civil War.

Clegg's book is full of photos and has a two page tribute to Harman from his West Point classmates. He was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas for two years before being detailed to the military staff at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia (continued on page 46)



Second Lieutenant Harman in an 1887 US Army photograph.

This is a reprint of an article by **Gregory P. Robertson, SMA, '70**. It first appeared in the November 2009 issue of the **Kablegram-Leader**, the Staunton Military Academy Alumni/VWIL newspaper. It has since been published in an e-book – **Life As A Cadet: How to Find Humor With a Black Stripe Down Your Leg**.

The 1966 Staunton Military Academy raid on Augusta

In the mid 1900's, many military academies existed in or near the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Two of these schools – The Staunton Military Academy (SMA) located in Staunton and the Augusta Military Academy (AMA) in nearby Fort Defiance – shared the City of Staunton as the place where cadets would go to see movies, purchase personal items, mingle with the opposite sex and experience life outside their campuses. The cadets at SMA had an easier time getting to festivities in town since their school sat perched on a hilltop near the northern edge of the city and downtown was only two blocks away. AMA cadets on the other hand would have to ride a bus into town, a bus provided by the school, or take a taxi the nine miles down U.S. Highway 11 from Fort Defiance to Staunton.

Inevitably, the cadets from the two schools developed a sometimes friendly and sometimes not so friendly rivalry as to which school was the best. The administrations of the two schools did their best to keep the two sets of cadets separated by staggering the times that all but seniors could go into town. When I was at SMA, our cadets occupied the sidewalks on Friday night and AMA cadets invaded on Saturday nights. Cadets shared the sidewalks of the town during the day Saturday and Sunday with only a few catcalls between the groups of rival cadets.¹

The rivalry between the two schools took on no greater intensity than the weeks prior to the annual AMA-SMA football game each year. Bed sheets painted with unflattering slogans about the rival school decorated the buildings of each campus the week before the game. On the night of a game played at SMA, the cadets of SMA would march with drums beating and flags flying to the stadium at Gypsy Hill Park and take their seats in the home stands.

The cadets of AMA would ride buses into town and sit on the smaller visitors' bleachers across the field. Senior cadet officers from both schools stood in front of their respective Corps to prevent any altercations. However, prior to the game each year, one school was always attempting to put one over on the other school.

I took part in one such activity before the SMA-AMA game in 1966. I was an SMA freshman and a "Rat" living in South Barracks with Jerry Karnas and John Eppinger. My

squad leader Jim McFaddin came into our room early one evening and asked if we would like to go along on a raid to AMA to grab some of their "Beat SMA" decorations. We said, "Sure!" After all, a Rat doesn't say no to his squad leader. In addition, the thought of the glory and honor to be had by having us unfurl one of AMA's own banners in front of them danced in my mind.

As night fell, we prepared for the raid by smearing our faces with black shoe polish and dressing in our fatigues. Jim had arranged for a Day Student to drive us out to AMA and drop us off. He would pick us up after the raid was

over. The plan was for us to go through the cemetery by the Stone Church just north of the school and grab something from the walls of the AMA Gymnasium at the northernmost corner of the AMA campus. We would then go back through the graveyard, meet up with the Day Student and head back to the Hill. We would leave whatever banners and other booty we collected in front of the Cadet Corps Commander's door. At least, that was the plan.

The Day Student dropped us off and we started making our way stealthily (we thought) through the graveyard. The AMA buildings rose to our left and security lights shined down on our targets, the multiple banners that discredited our honor and questioned the ancestry of SMA cadets. The thought of the glory we would have as we triumphantly returned to SMA with our booty led me on.

We were about halfway through the cemetery when all of a sudden, as has happened in all battles since the dawn of time, things started to go wrong.

Multiple flashlights shined on us from behind trees and headstones. A voice yelled, "Halt!" and another voice commanded, "Come with us!" As is common when any great battle plan goes wrong, someone in our group took



Gregory Robertson, SMA, '70

command and avoided disaster yelling, "Run!"

We scattered through the cemetery with AMA cadets on our heels. Luckily, I had great night vision and missed all of the gravestones. I did hear the thuds of the bodies of my pursuers who were not so lucky.

When we leaped the wall and got back to the road, our Day Student was nowhere to be seen. He wasn't expecting us back for half an hour and we were looking for him after only five minutes. We turned South, running down Route 11, toward Staunton.

When we got a short distance from AMA, we stopped to take a headcount. Only one person was missing: Jerry Karnas. We moved off of the road and into the brush and kept heading toward home.

Then, a pickup truck approached and slowed beside where we were walking in the shadows. (So much for the ability to move silently and stealthily through the night. I can only imagine how disgusted the tactical officers of our school would have been had they known)

"You boys need a ride?" the driver yelled out the open window. Jim talked with the driver, got in the front seat and yelled for us to get in the back of the truck. Off we went, headed for the safety of SMA.

We talked about the failed raid and pitied poor Jerry Karnas who we were sure had been captured and was undoubtedly being subjected to numerous tortures.

All of a sudden, Jim dropped down in the front seat. We followed our leader's example and lay down in the back of the pickup. Two police cars roared by heading for AMA, the lights on top rotating and casting alternating red and white beams along the roadside. I can still see that sight in my mind today and still feel the relief of having narrowly escaped again.

The truck dropped us off at the service road by South Barracks and we made our way quietly toward our rooms. As we went through the Sally Port and headed for the stairs, Wes Brown, the Cadet Corps Commander, walked out of the washroom. He looked at us, looked at Jim, shook his head and walked on toward his quarters.

We beat it up the stairs to our rooms. While we were cleaning ourselves up (Note: NEVER EVER use shoe polish as camouflage because it takes a long time to get it off), Jim told us about the pickup driver who saved us. He was an AMA alumnus heading home from a date! Why he helped the torturers of AMA, I will never know. I just chalk it up to another time that God was with me.

The final part of the saga: the return of Jerry Karnas. He wasn't caught by AMA cadets after all. He had run the other in the cemetery and showed up in our room around four in the morning covered in cow dung. On his way back to school, he had gone through many cow pastures and kept slipping and falling in the cow pies.

He had thought that he was the only one who had gotten away!

Wes Brown never said anything to me about our adventure. I do believe that Jim might have gotten dressed down. Maybe Wes figured how long it took us to get the shoe polish off as punishment enough!



About the author – Gregory Robertson graduated from SMA in 1970 and is currently the SMA Historian. He produced and directed the DVD short – [A History of the Staunton Military Academy](#). He is also project manager and webmaster for [www.smahistory.com](#), the SMA History Project. You can read more of his "Life as a Cadet" by going to the SMA Alumni webpage ([http://www.sma-alumni.org](#)) and clicking on the "Kablegram-Leader" at the top of the page.

Or you can go to his bookstore on his website ([www.gregoryrobertson.com/books](#)) where you can purchase a copy of his book, [Life As a Cadet: How to Find Humor With a Black Stripe Down Your Leg](#), a collection of nine of the "Life as a Cadet" series.

Special thanks to some special ladies

For those who enjoyed the Saturday barbecue at the reunion, weren't the baked beans and cole slaw great?

Those two tasty treats were prepared by the Women of Christ United Methodist Church in Staunton, **Joyce** and **Ben Zinkhan**'s church.

Our grateful thanks to **Ginney White** and **Hazel Tankersley** (age 90!) for their special efforts on our behalf and to **Ben** and **Joyce** for all they do for AMA.

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SPOTLIGHT on Scott Travers, '70

By Ruth (Mrs. Howard, '68) Rosenthal

I first saw the name "Scott Travers" on the nametag of an alumnus who I had just photographed at the 2010 Reunion. A Knockout Drill was held between Fishburne cadets and AMA alumni and when the drill was over, Scott was one of the three last men standing.

Let's fast forward to Reunion 2015 where I learned that Scott had arranged a barbecue for the Saturday luncheon in the gym. I love barbecue so my reaction was, "Bring it on." As expected, I enjoyed it quite a bit.

The meat was prepared by Plan B-Barbecue, a company which is based in Montross on Virginia's Northern Neck. Scott lives outside Montross on a small waterfront farm with his three rescue dogs. Apparently, dogs just find their way to Scott's home and he and his girlfriend, Cathy, find homes for them, keeping the ones they love or have been unable to place.

Living on the Northern Neck suits Scott who has always loved the water and being outdoors. As a kid growing up near the Potomac River in the Del Ray section of Alexandria, he enjoyed playing outside along the river bank. He later chose to go to college in West Virginia in close proximity to the C&O Canal, the Appalachian Trail and the many parks and battlefields with all of their recreational possibilities.

At Shepherd College, he majored in Park Administration with an historical core. Always a hiker and avid fisherman, he currently revels in fishing and long walks along the George Washington Birthplace National Monument (the Lee Stratford Hall Plantation) with Cathy and the dogs.

Like many parents of Augusta alumni, Scott's mother decided that a few years in a military school would benefit him. In early 1968, off they went looking at Randolph Macon, Fork Union and finally Augusta. They came to Fort Defiance on a Sunday taking in the Dress Parade and staying for dinner. There was no mystery meat served that day! The Sunday visitation must have worked because that Fall Scott moved into Davis Hall as a sixth grader.

One of the first people he met was Colonel Hoover who

bought for him a special AMA blanket that Scott has to this day. Scott spent three years at AMA "with all of my rooms facing alleys" which he says may account for his preference for a nice view from any hotel where he stays.

During his first year, he learned a lot from second year cadets who surrounded him. Sixth grade was spent in H Company under the command of Wayne Gwaltney, '69, and in seventh grade he was in F Company under Gary Nicholson, '70. During his last year he was assigned to Company C which was commanded by Tim Cooper, '69.

During his three years as an AMA cadet, he took part in several intramural sports and was a member of the 1970 tennis team. During the 1969-70 basketball season, he and Cesar Prieto, '70, were co-managers of the team, a team that beat Fork Union and Hargrave, earning the Virginia Military School Championship. In the opinion of many, this was one of the best teams ever to play on AMA's hardwood and in 2010 the team honored Scott and the players on the 69-70 team by inducting them into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame.

One of Scott's fondest AMA memories came in 1969 when he pitched a winning Company Intramural Softball Championship game played on AMA's Lily Valley

field. Another vivid memory was having Colonel Livick find him down by the riverside near AMA while he and some buddies were AWOL. It has always been amazing to him that Colonel Livick could be everywhere at the same time! Apparently there was no hiding from the watchful eyes of the Colonel!

His attempt to play hooky was only partly successful but no doubt the watchful eye and gentle guidance at AMA helped him in later life when he went into real estate. His father was an Alexandria based developer and broker and in 1980 Scott followed in his footsteps.

He has now performed the full range of commercial real estate work, including brokerage, leasing, property management and commercial appraisal valuations.

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AMA Alumni Association Vice President Rick Smail, '67, left, thanks aproned Scott Travers for his work in arranging and serving the delicious barbecue lunch at the reunion.



Scott Travers,
1970 Recall

Brett Thompson, '75

A 2015 AMA Alumni Medal was awarded to a tireless supporter... a truer heart you will never find nor a more loyal friend.

Everyone knows this man and knows that he always answers any call for help.

When there is a task at the museum, he is just a phone call away.

When there is work to be done we can be sure that he will step up to the plate enthusiastically.



Brett accepts his Medal from Bob Bradford, '50.

He has a very busy schedule but we know that we can count on him.

We know that he will answer the call as soon as he can and that he will not quit until the job is done and done right.

Forty years after he graduated he remains a faithful cadet.

He knows every detail of the 1975 *Recall* and is a true "Son of Savedge."

As an *Ad Astra* he has taken pride in AMA since he first walked through the Front Arch.

He served with great honor in the U. S. Marine Corps and has raised a wonderful son.

He has a thriving business and has embraced not only his new wife but her family as well.

A 2015 AMA Alumni Medal was presented to our dear friend
Brett Thompson from the Class of 1975.



Ruth Rosenthal

A 2015 AMA Alumni Medal went to a deserving lady whose contributions to our cause can be seen in print.

She takes countless photos at each reunion and at other AMA events.

And these are not just "snapshots" – they are all professional grade photos shot with loving care, edited with a clear eye and made available on line and in *The Bayonet*.

Many of her photos are prize worthy whether she is covering an AMA event, on a wonderful overseas trip with her husband or of a snow scene outside her Maryland home.



Ruth takes the mic to thank AMA for her Medal

She volunteers to do these articles with unbridled enthusiasm and the final product is never disappointing.

She and her husband have made plenteous financial contributions to our cause for which we are enormously grateful.

His name is Howard and her name is Ruth.

It is a privilege to salute this great lady.

A 2015 AMA Alumni Medal was awarded to
Ruth (Mrs. Howard) Rosenthal,
 he from the Class of 1968.



Chairman Clarke names committees

At the 7 March meeting in Staunton, Foundation Chairman **Blaine Clarke, '72**, appointed members of several new committees, to wit:

Fund Raising

Steve Traylor, '72, Bud Oakey, '70, Jack White, '69, Scott Travers, '72, and Victor Gomez, '69.

Membership

Jim Bewley, '66, Brett Thompson, '75, George Reaves, '69, Gordon Metz, '68, Mark Femrite, '72, Larry Wilson, '70, Richard Lassiter, '66, Luke Snyder, '60, Rick Smail, '67 and Steve Trent, '70.

Merge

Bud Oakey, '70, Ed Rogerville, '76, Jack White, '69, Chris Meek, '84 and Luke Snyder, '60.

Nominating

B. J. d'Orsay, '70, Luke Snyder, '60, Larry Wilson, '70, Bob Bradford, '50 and Jack White, '69.

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Tech) for four years. When the Spanish-American War began, he went to Cuba where he was promoted to captain after his heroic action at San Juan Hill.

When the war ended, Harman took a leave of absence and assumed the responsibility of building a railroad from Guayaquil to Quito in Ecuador – from the Pacific Ocean to the heights of the Andes. The railway was completed in record time but Harman did not live to enjoy the fruits of his work dying of Yellow Fever at Guayaquil on 8 February 1907. He was 41. The *National Geographic Magazine* did a story on him in 1934.

Young Harman lived in Mount Sidney until age five, then in Middle River until he went to West Point. He married Elizabeth Brown Shunk of Harrisonburg soon after graduation from the USMA and they had two children. She died in New York City in 1917.

The Harmans' daughter, Gertrude

Harman Hill, died in Staunton in 1968. His son Archer died in New Hampshire in 1992 at age 99.

Sam Clegg has devoted much time to careful research of Harman and his family. We thank him sincerely for his commitment and urge visitors to the museum to examine his excellent work backed by an amazing amount of research.

For more on John Alexander Harman, go to AMAAlumni.org, then click on "Bayonet Online" in the top left box, select Fall 2000, go to p. 18)

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the National Math Honor Societies at Western Albemarle High School and as captain of the JV baseball team, I have lived up to his example by tutoring and mentoring fellow students.

My great-greatgrandfather, **Colonel Thomas Roller**, expected results and dedicated himself to the value of service. Like him, I have committed myself to the service of my school and community through my role as President of both the Key Club and National Honor Society. Being a leader in these organizations allows me to inspire others to get involved, meet new people and confront the problems that face our community.

My great-grandfather was **Louis Somerville**, who graduated from AMA in 1934. , was President of the AMA Honor Committee and embraced the camaraderie of his fellow teammates, classmates and cadets. Valuing a community respectful of honor, I have served on my high school Honor Council for three years. I share his sense of camaraderie in everything I do, whether on the baseball field, in the classroom or at home with my family.

My great-grandmother, **Hilton Roller Grasty**, loved Augusta but even more she loved the men who became her extended family. She respected their loyalty to their school, to each other and to our country. I strive to be like the men she admired, embodying the spirit of service, scholarship and loyalty.

Following in the footsteps of Colonel Tom Roller and my great-grandfather, Lou, I will attend the University of Virginia in the fall. I am honored to be

chosen as a recipient of an AMA Legacy Scholarship and will carry the values of AMA as I continue my education. I hope to make all alumni and my ancestors proud.

Patrick Andrews
Charlottesville, VA

Editor's note:

*AMA's founder, **Charles S. Roller, Sr.**, was a student at the University of Virginia when the Civil War began. He rode his horse to Fairfax Courthouse where he enlisted in the Confederate Army. The day before the surrender of General Lee's Army at Appomattox, Roller was injured in a fall from his horse and was captured by Union troops. He remained a POW for only a single day.*

Reunion 2016 will honor Vietnam vets

LTC Steve Trent, '70, President of the AMA Alumni Association, has announced that next year's reunion will be a tribute to all of the AMA men who served during the Vietnam War.

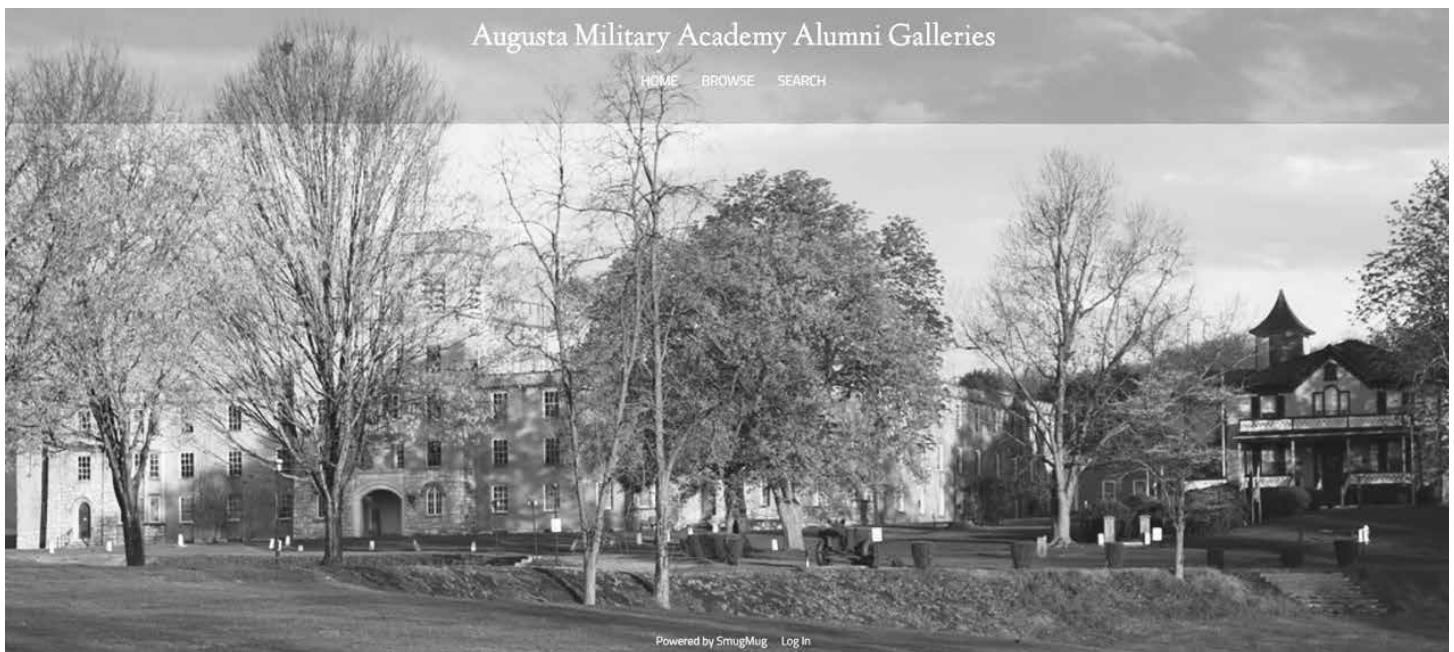
Says he, *"This was not a war from which returning veterans were showered with roses or warm sentiments. We had many of our alumni wounded in that conflict, physically and otherwise, and fourteen of our alumni lost their lives during the war which officially lasted for 18 years, three months and 29 days."*

AMA Vietnam vets were last honored at Reunion 2006. (Summer 2006 Bayonet) A plaque honoring those who were Nam KIAs was dedicated in 2001 to which additional names were added, thanks to research by the late **Sergeant Joe Josephson**.

Trent says that he welcomes any suggestions for next year's reunion program at trent@mindspring.com.

RIGHT NOW

while you are reading this message, write a check to the AMA Alumni Foundation. We take VISA, American Express, MasterCard and Discover too! And even cash! We need you.



AMA WEB SITE UNDERGOING TRANSFORMATION

A REPORT FROM WEBMASTER B. J. D'ORSAY, '70

The AMA web site is undergoing a transformation, slowly but surely. I have found time to devote to preserving our rich and wondrous heritage on the World Wide Web.

The first step I took was to gather all of the *Bayonets* published since 1995, scan them and make them available to everyone on our web site. That step was completed earlier this spring. If anyone has *Bayonets* printed prior to 1995, I would be very happy to have you send them to me so that I can scan them. Of course, I will return the original to the owner!

The next step is underway. A new extension to the web site has been created for the storage and display of photographs. The URL for this extension is <http://galleries.amaalumni.org>.

Photos from the reunion are the first to be moved to this new extension and are currently being transferred from their current location on the web site to this new system of galleries and folders.

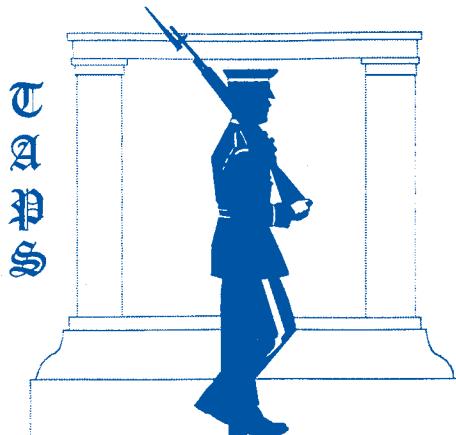
Powered by a company called SmugMug, viewers (that's you and I) will have the ability to add comments to any photograph and I encourage you to do so. When you first click on the comment box, you will be prompted to log in to a SmugMug account or sign in using your Facebook or Google Plus accounts. Unfortunately, SmugMug does not offer free accounts so your best option is to sign in using Facebook or Google.

I will begin adding key words to each photo. Only owners are allowed to add key words. Once these key words have been set, any photograph can be found by searching for these key words. The prospects are exciting! It is very easy to use and can be browsed from thumbnail images or you can watch a slide show. The new galleries are mobile friendly meaning they display well on Smart phones or tablets as well as on standard PCs and Macs.

Please visit the new galleries at galleries.amaalumni.org and look around. It is easy to navigate and fun to browse back in time. I'll leave future web site enhancements for future announcements.



B. J. at Reunion 2015



Please report deaths and illnesses of AMA alumni, faculty and friends to the
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John Newton Burton, Jr., '32
 4 January 2015, Norfolk, 99. Survived by his wife, June. At AMA: Private, E Company; Sardine basketball and football; YMCA.

Douglas Wright, '37
 23 January 2015, at Meritus Medical Center, Hagerstown, MD, 97. Duke University. Served in the Army in The Philippines during World War Two. Worked for 55 years in the outdoor advertising business and was CEO of Advertising, Inc. 1970 until retirement. Sunday School superintendent, St. John's Lutheran Church, Hagerstown. Forty five years perfect attendance at Kiwanis Club, Kiwanis Legion of Merit. Volunteer for Boy Scouts, Salvation Army and United Way. Survived by three sons: Stephen and Douglas of Hagerstown and John of Richmond; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. At AMA: First Captain; Treasurer of Student Body; Vice President, Cotillion Club; Advertising Manager, *Recall*; manager, basketball team; leader of Easter Dances; Final Ball Committee. *Ad Astra per Aspera*. Reported by **Colonel Mal Livick** and **Lew Mundin, '53**.

Robert Chambers Beam, Jr., '40
 7 April 2014, Staunton. Served in the Army Air Corps in World War II as a B-25 instructor. When his father died in 1944, he returned home to Staunton to run the family business: Staunton Steam Laundry. He retired in 2012 on the 100th anniversary of the firm's founding. Former Chairman of the Staunton School Board. Advisory Board of First and Merchants Bank. President of Tristate Launderers Association. Lifelong member of Trinity Episcopal Church. Survived by his son, Thomas; a daughter, Emily; three grandchildren; a sister, Helen Ambler. He and Betty Lee Reid were married for 53 years until her death in 2003. At AMA: 1SGT, D Company; Advertising Manager for the *Recall*; Honor Roll all three years as a cadet.

Peter Wreden, '46
 No details. At AMA: 1LT, A Company; varsity football; basketball manager; Final Ball Committee; *Recall* staff.

David Fletcher, '54
 1 January, 2015, Elkins, WV, 79, after a long illness. Attended Greenbrier, graduated from AMA and University of California, Santa Monica. U.S. Army with service in Berlin. Swimming instructor on the "Gold Coast" at Miami Beach. Tried out for the Olympic swim team in 1976 but was disqualified because of phlebitis in his leg. Entered the insurance business with his father before forming Central West Virginia Underwriters which became the largest insurance agency in Central West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Survived by his wife, Jackie; a sister, Betty Ellen Ruddle of Annapolis, MD; a brother, Thomas, of Fairmont, WV; and numerous nieces and nephews. At AMA: MSGT, A Company; swim team, basketball; baseball.

Charles E. Woodard, II, '63
 September 2014, Aiken, SC. Retired police officer, Columbus, Ohio. First National Hockey League Security Rep for the Columbus Blue Jackets. Elder, Aiken, SC Presbyterian Church. Member, Cedar Creek and Aiken Golf Clubs, winner of Aiken Senior Club Championship in 2013. Survived by his wife, Lynn; a son, Charles "Trey"

of Gainesville, FL; and a sister, Deborah, of Lakewood, CO. At AMA: 1LT, B Company; Roller Rifles; Cotillion Club; golf team; tennis; Privilege List, Honor Roll. Contributor to The Future is Now campaign.

Tyree G. Leath, III, '68
 10 February 2015, at Masonic Home of Virginia, Crewe, VA, 68. Employed at W.S. Kincheloe Clothiers in Crewe and Belk Department Store in Farmville. Past Master, Crewe Masonic Lodge #123; Temple Shrine of Richmond, Southside Shrine Club. Elder, Pryor Memorial Presbyterian Church. Survived by his sister, Madelene Greene of Crewe; three nephews and a great-nephew. At AMA: 2LT, Mail Room; Assistant Sergeant Major. Reported by **Lew Mundin, '53**, and **Victor Gomez, '69**.

Howard Scott Kaplan, '69
 28 January 2015, Merwick Care Center, Plainsboro, NJ. BA in government from Windham College in Putney, VT and a Masters in education from Antioch Graduate School, Hanover, NH. Spent 25 years in the plastic industry before becoming a Social Studies teacher in Perth Amboy, NJ. Survived by his wife of 39 years, Shelly; three sons, Jason of Union, NJ, Michael of Boston and Alex of Parsippany, NJ; and a sister, Ellen Charles of Cranbury, NJ. At AMA: SGT; JV lacrosse; Roller Rifles; Index Editor, *Recall*.

David W. Kirkpatrick, Jr., '69
 2009, Fairfax, VA. Attended William and Mary. In sales of electrical equipment and generators. Survived by his wife of 35 years, Patricia. At AMA: Editor, *The Bayonet*; Band Company.

Jose Gutierrez, '69
 26 March 2015, in his hometown, Granada, Nicaragua. At AMA: New Cadet, A Company; *Recall* staff; football. Reported by **Alberto Sotomayor, '70**.

Frederick Taylor Dove, '70
 6 January 2015, Charlottesville, 73. University of Virginia. US Marine Corps. Lived in North Carolina for 30 years where he was in the men's



**Douglas Wright,
1936 Recall**



**Bob Beam,
1940 Recall**



**Peter Wreden,
1946 Recall**



**David Fletcher,
1954 Recall**



**Charles Woodard,
1963 Recall**



**Tyree Leath,
1968 Recall**



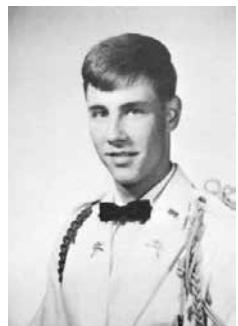
**Howard Kaplan,
1969 Recall**



**Dave Kirkpatrick,
1969 Recall**



**Jose Gutierrez,
1969 Recall**



**Phil Myers,
1971 Recall**



**Charles Knapp,
1972 Recall**



**Larry Horowitz,
1973 Recall**

apparel business, then he returned to Charlottesville in the early 1990s and opened Albemarle Custom Clothing. Survived by his brother, David, three children and four grandchildren plus his partner of 18 years and her children and grandchildren. At AMA: SFC, Band Company; rifle team; lacrosse; track; Cotillion Club. Reported by B.J. d'Orsay, '70.

Phillip R. Myers, '71

1 March 2015, at his home in Falls Church, COPD. Retired from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department after 21 years of service. Had second career as funeral director. For years was the bugler who sounded Taps at Founder's Day and called alumni to lunch during the annual reunions. Survived by his wife of 32 years, Maeve; one daughter, Megan Kats; a brother, Lloyd; and a grandchild. At AMA: SGT, Band Company; Brass Choir; Talent Show. Reported by Garry Granger, '71.

Charles William Knapp, '72

June 2013. At AMA: Captain, Staff; Editor, *The Recall*; Honor Roll; Roller Rifles; JV lacrosse; Outstanding Teenager of America. *Ad Astra per Aspera*.

Larry Horowitz, '73

18 October 2014, Columbia, MD, after a long illness, 60. Joined Navy after AMA and served as a sonar technician during the Vietnam War on the USS Towers. Owned and operated a transportation business and active with the Have a Heart Foundation and the Children's Miracle Network earning a Presidential Points of Light citation. In the late 1990s, Larry worked to get AMA alumni on line. Survived by his wife of 40 years, Debbie, and two children, Dan and Rachel. Buried at Garrison Forest Veteran's Cemetery in Owings Mill, MD. At AMA: Most improved cadet; SGT, Band Company; Privilege List.

Robert Mancuso, '74

No details available. Reported by Brett Thompson, '75.

**Please keep us informed
if an alumnus or friend
of AMA is ill or has
passed away.**

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In 2005 he started his own company, Appraisal Group of the Northern Neck, and he mostly spends professional time leasing and managing his commercial portfolio and specializing in court ordered appraisal valuations and tax trials.

For fun, Scott enjoys his fishing and long walks around Virginia's beautiful and peaceful Northern Neck.

He is a big Washington Nationals fan and he and Cathy often drive to Washington to watch baseball, have a nice dinner and see what is new in the city and in Northern Virginia.

Scott has been a Nat's season ticket holder since 2006 and particularly loves all of the Opening Day festivities.

He also loves coming to AMA reunions, his only regret being that many cadets with whom he went to school seem to be under represented at reunions. Therefore, if any of you would like to reconnect with Scott, mark your calendar and plan to enjoy the fun next April.

Scott would love to see you!



Deaths reported since Reunion 2014

John Newton Burton, '32
 J. Benjamin Carlisle, '33
 David Crowe, '33
 LTG William Martin, '33
 Thomas Duncan Hoover, '37
 Douglas Wright, '37
 Robert C. Beam, Jr., '40
 Andrew J. Airheart, '41
 Walter Fitzhugh Hyers, '42
 Martin Lyle Palmer, '43
 William H. McOwen, '44
 E. Curtis Burt, '45
 Ray W. Kaufmann, '45
 Peter Wreden, '46
 Victor E. Muncy, III, '47
 Elwood Bass Canada, Jr., '49
 LTC Ronald L. Sollod, '50
 James E. Starnes, '50
 James A. Weston, '50
 Andrew Cialini, '51
 Joseph Carstarphen, '52
 Arthur Rogers, III, '53
 George W. Davis, Jr., '53
 David Edwin Fletcher, '54
 Tomme T. Gamewell, '54



John R. Lowman, '60
 Walter Quatmann, '61
 Charles E. Woodard, II, '63
 John W. Gephart, Jr., '64
 John Pollard Staley, '64
 Anthony M. Banovic, '65
 Dean Deffenbaugh, '65
 Forbes Braithwaite, '66
 Anthony D. Bruno, '66
 James F. Moser, III, '67
 Andrew Joseph Kapec, '68
 Tyree G. Leath, III, '68
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The radial tire and my 1968 E-Type Jaguar

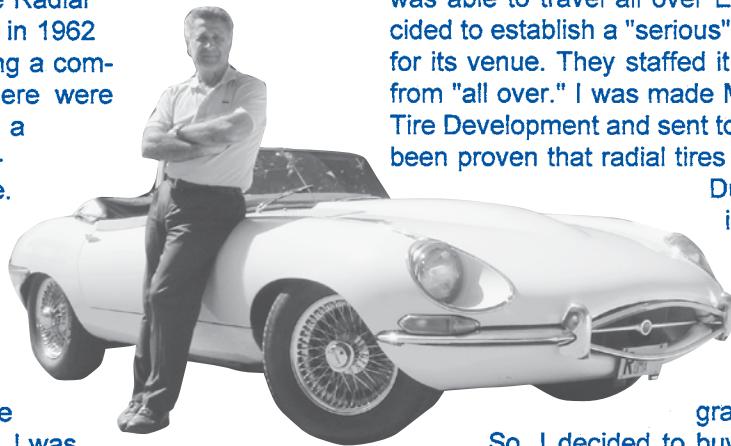
Manuel Balbis, '53, ended his career as President of Firestone Argentina, a long way from Akron where "Maweeet" joined the company in 1960 having just arrived from Cuba. Firestone had seven European plants clamoring for radial tires to compete with Michelin which was taking over the European market with their new radials. Balbis joined the Tire Development Department with 400 other engineers and scientists. His story:

I was lucky enough to be assigned to the newly organized Firestone Radial Tire Engineering Department in 1962 with the objective of developing a commercial radial tire ASAP. There were three of us in the department: a manager, a radial truck development engineer and me. Three out of 400! In those days, radials were considered as "kook" tires produced by "kooks" in Europe.

By the start of 1964, we had a commercially competitive radial to release to production. I was sent to France where we had opened a plant in 1961, not designed to build radials. My assignment was to help convert the plant and gain approval from the French car manufacturers to make our radials original equipment. Having studied French under **Colonel Gardner**, I used my knowledge of the language and became the Technical Service Manager at the plant.

By 1967, things were on track as radials continued to have the market share in Europe. Then, the company decided to organize a European Tire Development Center to help our plants with the technical problems of radial tire production.

A skeleton group was established in the Brentford (London) plant where I was assigned to conduct a study of car and truck tire requirements in all of Europe while aiding the European plants to get radials into production. Radial truck tire development was far more complicated and we were not ready to release anything to pro-



duction. Side note: London was a great place to live and I was able to travel all over Europe. In 1968, Firestone decided to establish a "serious" R&D center and chose Rome for its venue. They staffed it with scientists and engineers from "all over." I was made Manager of Automotive Radial Tire Development and sent to Rome in June of 1968. It had been proven that radial tires were the way to go.

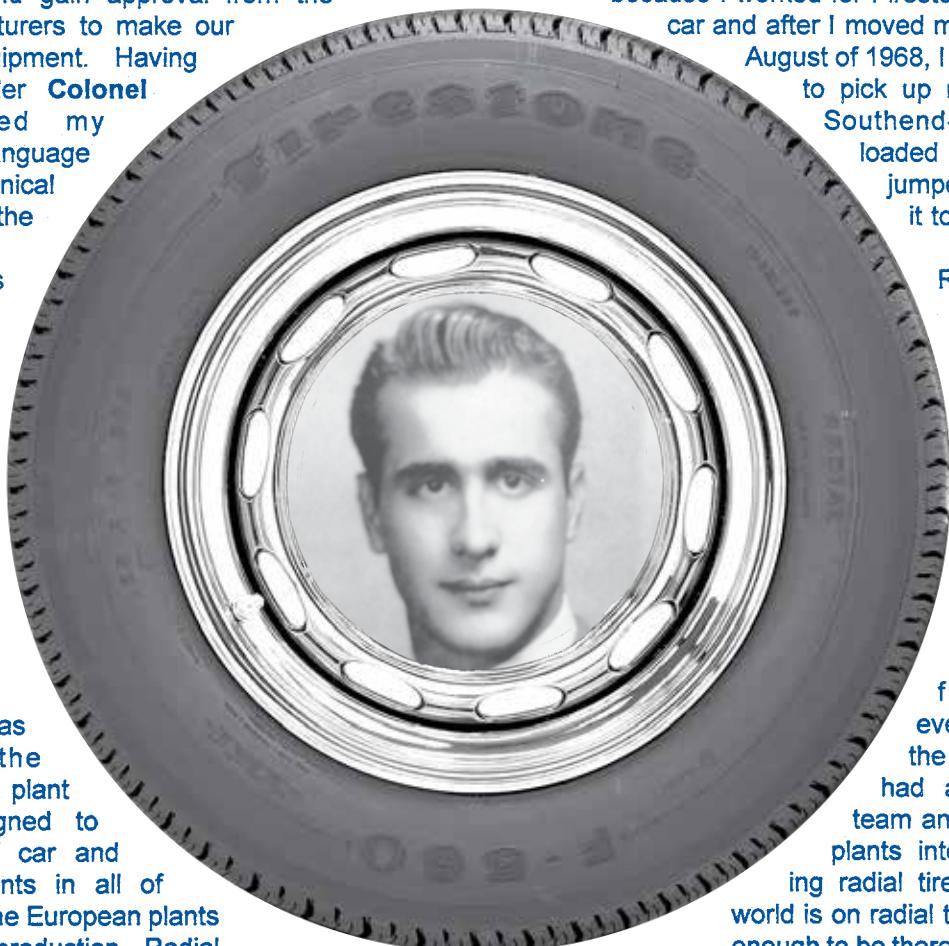
During my stay in London, I fell in love with the E-Type Jaguar. I had owned two previous JAGs in Cuba, an XK120 and an XK-140, both presents from my father for making good grades in college in the U.S.

So, I decided to buy the new E-Type and take it with me to Rome. It was a sacrifice: they were not cheap! "Not cheap" at that time was US \$3,800 (The list was US \$4,000 but I had a five per cent discount because I worked for Firestone.) So, I ordered a car and after I moved my family to Rome in

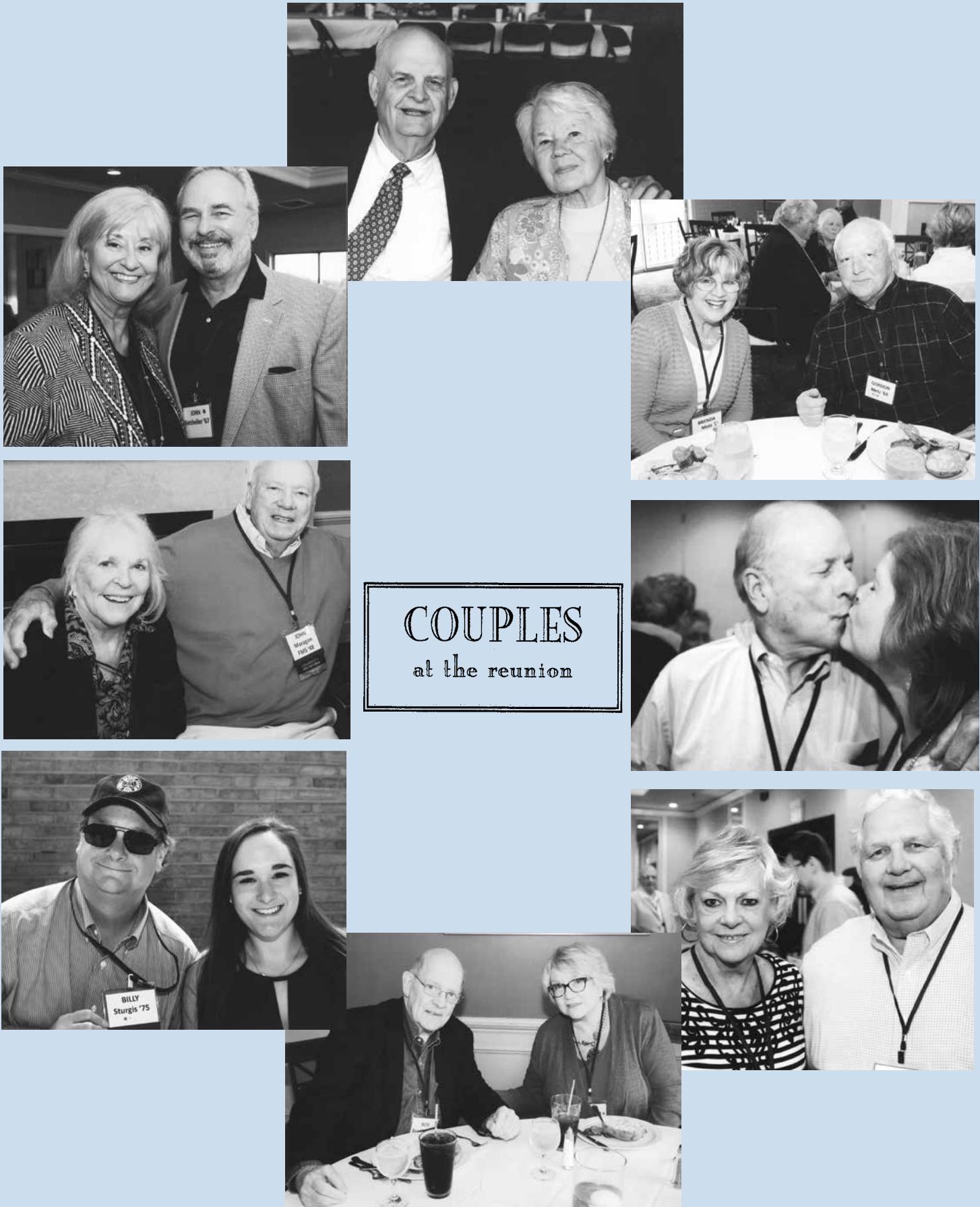
August of 1968, I flew back to London to pick up my car, drove it to Southend-on-the-Sea and loaded it on a "puddle jumper" plane which flew it to Calais, France.

I headed off to Rome on a beautiful summer day, made it to Aosta, Italy by night fall and got into Rome the next evening.

By 1974, Firestone had built a full blown research and development facility in Rome and I worked there for 16 years, eventually becoming the Chief Engineer. We had a terrific 300 man team and eventually had 27 plants internationally producing radial tires. Now, the whole world is on radial tires and I was lucky enough to be there at the creation! The JAG has been with me all this time and still runs like a dream!







Starting at twelve o'clock, clockwise, Colonel Mal and Linda Roller Livick, Brenda and Gordon Metz, '68, Joy and Bill Johnston, '55, Bev and Frank Williamson, '60, Nancy and Bob Bradford, '50, Billy Sturgis, '75, and his daughter, Judy and John Maragon, FMS/'48, and Nancy and John Botcheller, '67.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

How can we thank enough all those dedicated people who made the reunion such a success? Months of planning, days of final preparation, hours of exertion while the reunion was in progress, often at the expense of missing out on something else a volunteer wanted to do. Indeed, we say thank you, thank you, thank you!

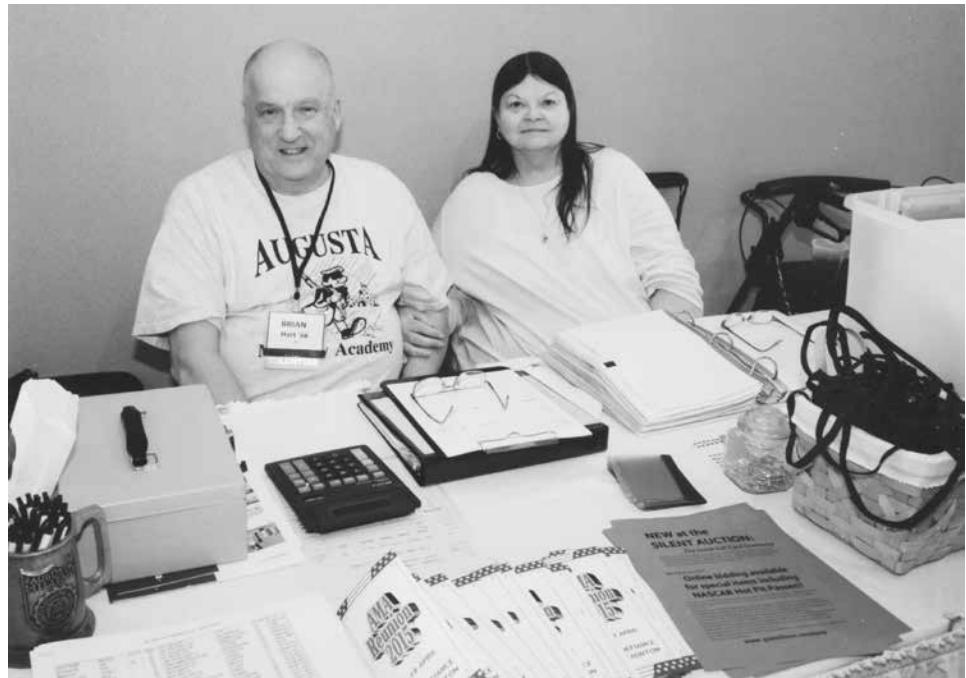
First, we would not have a reunion without the passionate devotion of **Crysta Stephenson**, our Museum Executive Director. On loan to the Alumni Association from the Foundation, she is the ringmaster who brings all the acts together and who continues her unabated devotion to our Museum while handling so much of each reunion's minutia. A special thanks to her this year and every year... **Ben Zinkhan**, '60, is the backbone of AMA. It is said often but bears repeating, "'We simply could not function without him." Not only does he have a heart for AMA, he shows up and gets the job done. That is why he is our newest **Ad Astra**!... **Steve Trent**, '70, led us through another successful reunion from making sure the bar is stocked to presiding at the important business meetings... The Sports Hall of Fame and AMA Alumni Medal Committees deliberated and made sterling selections... **Jim Atchison**, '73, oversaw the PX and kept it fully stocked at all times... **Stride Coleman**, '72, showed up unannounced on the Monday of reunion week and helped set up, produce and break down the entire event not heading for home until the last job was done... **Phil Bentley**, '83, is big and strong and he helped manhandle the many boxes, crates and bundles that had to be carried from the Museum to the Holiday Inn and back. He also did a masterful job in the awarding of the AMA Legacy Scholarships... **Frank Williamson**, '60, is the most steadfast of alumni who with sweet Bev gave reunion goers another incredible and enjoyable bus trip while supervising the Tower of Power and the 50/50 operation... Bev hosted the Appomattox trip, provided water, soda and wine on the trip and donated the Virginia Gentleman, Gray Goose, Dewar's and Tim Smith's Midnight Moonshine as Tower of Power awards... **Buddy Krise**, '57, and **George Reaves**, '69, sold 50/50 and Tower of Power chances with gusto... **Shad White**, '52, won the 50/50 drawing of \$375 and donated it all back to the Foundation... **Brian Hart**, '66, and Sue generously agreed to have responsibility for registration and did a marvelous job with minimal training... **Reverend Greg Douglas** and **Becky** went out of their way to make our alumni feel welcome on the campus... **Joyce Zinkhan** covered the entire reunion with her blessings and stuffed the reunion folders while on oxygen... **Rick Smail**, '67, took over the Silent Auction and made it a resounding success. We thank everyone who donated an item to be auctioned off and those who had the winning bids. **Mary Ann Smail** was the Silent Auction cashier... **Blaine Clarke**, '72,

didn't make it to the reunion because of a herniated disc but his leadership was felt miles away in Fort Defiance... Mike Payne, '76, took over the Sporting Clay Shoot when Blaine was unable to participate... Scott Travers, '70, took on the unenviable task of feeding the luncheon horde... The Staunton Military Academy Alumni Association was so generous in inviting us to their dance at the Clock Tower in Staunton. Every AMA man and woman who attended commented on how welcomed they felt... Mal Livick, Jr., '75, Sherri and Mark Femrite, '72 and Cathy and Jack White, '69, served the Saturday luncheon... Plan B Barbecue in Montross donated a portion of the food for Saturday's lunch... Steve Traylor, '72, did not - "wig out" - to quote Crysta when the Treasurer's report had to be reworked at the last minute and at the worst possible time... Brett Thompson, '75, helped Ben hang the big flag in the Gym. He is an all around great guy and our newest Alumni Medal recipient... Victor Gomez, '69, was on the scene with his still and video cameras thrust into everyone's face. We love you, Victor!... B.J. d'Orsay, '70, joined the photog corps and shared his photos widely. BJ, you are a gem!... Ruth Rosenthal brightens every event and brings Howard along! She is another fabulous photographer and earned her own Alumni Medal this year... Ed Click, '50, takes on the crummiest tasks and at the last minute too. He handled the VMI Color Guard and Emceed Founder's Day perfectly... Luke Snyder, '60, each year hauls a heavy suitcase with the public address system to the Stone Church Cemetery for Founder's Day ceremonies... Stride and Phil made a late night visit to the spooky museum to lug that heavy suitcase down from the attic for Luke to pick up next morning... Paul Poluito, '73, ran the AMA Open flawlessly as always with help from Phyllis... Nancy Botcheller and the ladies packed up the PX Saturday night to be moved back to the Museum... Ed Rogerville, '76, packed up the bar and loaded it into Stride's truck... Ed and John Arthur, '75, took the new Sporting Clay shooters under their wings and instructed them on how to shoot... Admiral Mary DeCredico was not able to attend the reunion because of her duties at the Naval Academy but she did judge the AMA Legacy Scholarship applications... Doug Carter, '72, helped in many ways and ended up in the hospital with double pneumonia after the reunion ended. Happy that he is feeling better... Gordon Metz, '68, Ed Click, '50, and Bob Bradford, '50, for wading through the various motions made at the General Membership meeting... Our bus driver who took us to Appomattox on Friday morning and to the SMA Dance Friday night did an excellent job... The National Park Ranger at Appomattox told the history of the place with a keen understanding of history and a feel for how both Union and Confederate troops felt when Lee and Grant agreed to terms... The staff of the Holiday Inn was incredible to work with and went out of their way to accommodate each request... Yes, Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! one and all. See you next year!

RELIABLE REGISTRARS

One of the most important duties at each reunion is to register each AMA alumnus and friend when they arrive in Staunton.

This year, Sue and Brian Hart, '66, had the duty for a good part of the weekend. The Harts live in Walkersville, MD and saw to it that things went smoothly at the registration desk at the Holiday Inn, handing out schedules and checking to see who had paid for what. We thank them sincerely for what is pretty much a thankless task. Only those involved in the planning and execution of our reunions know how much work before and during reunion weekend is required by faithful volunteers!



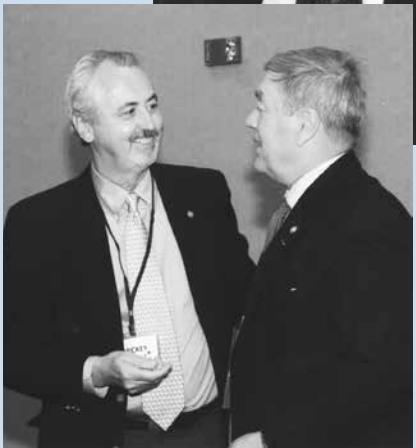
Faithful Museum Docent Doug Carter, '72, looked great at the reunion but ended up in the hospital with double pneumonia soon after the reunion ended. Now, he is fighting other medical problems and our thoughts and prayers are with this good man.



BILLY STURGIS, '75, is being cast in a number of TV and movie productions being shot in Virginia. He got his first part in Bill O'Reilly's *Killing Kennedy*, was cast in four episodes of *Turn* and appeared in *Legends and Lies* about Butch Cassidy on FOX. Says Billy, "You would be surprised at the number of TV and movie productions that are being done in Virginia."

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COMMUNITY SERVICE - This is Samuel Fletcher, the grandson of Charlie Pascale, '69, who did four hours of "community service" for high school credit. Crysta said he did a super job!



75 VIRGINIANS - John Hash from Fort Defiance, Billy Sturgis from Nassawadox, John Arthur from Chesapeake and Brett Thompson from Waynesboro, all from the Class of 1975.



IN FOCUS AGAIN - Super photographer Bruce Strange, '72, and his wife, Brenda, stopped by Fort Defiance on their way to Baltimore.



FROM GLOUCESTER - James W. Davis, '60, second from right, brought his family from Gloucester to see the museum.



TENNESSEE RESTAURATEUR - Herman Jenkins, '70, has owned a restaurant for the last 42 years in Jonesborough, TN. He and his wife were at the museum recently.



LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP Chairman Phil Bentley, '83, presents a scholarship to Reverend and Mrs. Harold Hallock, grandparents of Patrick Andrews, in Patrick's excused absence.

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CHALLENGE: to do what's right

BY DOUG DRISCOLL

In a matter of hours Augusta's 1972 graduates will be boarding trains, planes, buses, and cars and will be on their way to Never-Never-Land.

There will be laughing, weeping, hellos to parents and girl friends, and good-byes to old friends, roommates, and teachers. After that... who knows?

Some of us will have summer jobs. Some will attend college. A few may even join the Army. Some might be drafted. Others don't know what they'll be doing.

Whatever the graduates of AMA this year decide to do, we should be sure that we do the right thing, the right way. We must educate ourselves — learn right from wrong.

That is one thing Augusta teaches: right from wrong. At home, you get

only your parents' interpretation of right and wrong. But at AMA, opinions, perspectives on life, outlooks, and frames of mind are molded by 300 other individuals. Some have taken advantage of the situation — and learned. Others have not.

The right thing to do for those that have learned is to further your education; make yourselves knowledgeable about people, places, and things. The world cannot be helped out of its present situation unless the people, the decision-makers, know what's going on — know right from wrong.

Those who remain ignorant throughout their lives have no hope of succeeding. They become dependent on others. They will accept as truth any lie told them. They will become reluctant to seek truth and find it for themselves.

The United States is now wavering between different ideals, unsure of its destination. It is difficult to determine what will become of us. Will we become a state-controlled utopia? a socialistic welfare state? a communistic satellite of the USSR? or will be low ourselves and the rest of the world to bits?

Is it possible for us to stay as we are, the free-enterprise leader of the free world? Or will there ever be a free world 30 years from now? Will there be a world at all?

The future depends on us. We are the generation who claims to want to do so much for the world. We are the generation that promises to "save the country." But first we must, through learning, decide how. We must learn which way is the best way — the right way.



Senior Stick Sheet

We the Class of '72 do leave

- I, **Randy X. Armstrong**, do leave the Stoop Inn and March 11, 1972 (Good Luck!) to Dave Brown.
- I, **Willhelm Adomeit**, do will the entire 3rd "und dem dienst von der Staffel" to a good friend, Pee Wee Morris.
- I, **Harry Angus Baldwin**, do bequeath "F" Company and all that goes with it to Capt. Ernest James.
- I, **Ray Bradley**, do give two rabbit cages and a year's supply of rabbit food to Gary McGinnis.
- I, **Michael Thomas Bradich**, do leave the latrine in "A" Company to Arthur Zelaya.
- I, **Blaine Clarke**, do leave nothing because I've lost it.
- I, **Stride "Texas" Coleman**, will all my abilities as a Texan to Ed Cabo.
- I, **Monty Cox**, do leave my three special orders to the AMA permanent files.
- I, **Brett DeCesari**, give a bag of turkey seed and enough money for a nose job to Greg (Turkey Man) Gillette.
- I, **Richard Dixon**, do bequeath my ability to sleep with my eyes open in class to Steve Gruhn.
- I, **Doug Driscoll**, do bequeath my "outstanding AMA cadet" reputation and 100,000 tabs of No Doz to Joe Kennedy.
- I, **William Evans**, do bequeath a brain (mine?) to Maj. Charles O. Dillow.
- I, **John Ghiorso**, do leave my great tennis shoulder to Capt. Dave Trimble.
- I, **James Clarke Hash**, do bequeath my leftover senior invitations to Chuck Knapp.
- I, **James Fletcher Hunter, Jr.**, do will my seat at Plato's Palace, Home of the Big Ben, to Yogi Hale.
- I, **Jeff Jason**, do leave my ability to gape to the Graduating Class of 1973.
- I, **Lewis Charles Kennett**, do bequeath my ability to get along with Mr. Robertson to Tom Del Valle, to "D" Company, and to whoever else is crazy enough to take it.
- I, **Michael (Twiggy) Kidd**, do give all of my female problems to Augusta's Latin Lover (you're welcome to them!), Tom Del Valle.
- I, **Doug Kopp**, will my strong right arm, great eyesight, white shoes, number 11 jersey (if he can find it), and my seat on the basketball bench to Tom Piefer.
- I, **Frank Krause**, do bequeath my full can of shoe polish to my squad leader, Earl Mullis.
- I, **Ed Lentz**, do leave the best friends I ever had (see you all at Rock Port, Texas, June 4, 1977, and don't be late).
- I, **Dean P. Lohman**, do leave my all night lights to my ol' buddy (Maj. Paul Andrews), so he can watch TV until one o'clock.
- I, **Griff Lohman**, do leave my Mickey Mouse night light to Maj. Wright and my Donald Duck night light to Maj. Dillow.
- I, **Don Malnati**, do give my high top shoes with BRAND NEW heels to Capt. Sharp.
- I, **Herb Maher**, do leave Band Barracks (Carl's Summer Cottage) to Capt. Browning (and don't forget "Prudence," be in by 12 o'clock every night!)
- I, **Brian McCabe**, do leave my book "The Bartender's Guide" and 1000 swizzle sticks to Chris Bowman.
- I, **George McCoach**, do bequeath my Boogie Room and my can of Lysol to Bruce Crum.
- I, **Ron McCormick**, do bequeath one roll of rotten Kosher salami to Capt. Sharp.
- I, **William Ross Mitchell, III**, do bequeath my sexless horse and green Midget to Capt. Richard Andrews.
- I, **David "Earl" McCulloch**, do bequeath my number four golf position on the great AMA golf team to Tim (Caveman) Emmett.
- I, **Jay Nolan**, do bequeath to Steve Harrington one jar of pickled June bugs, and to Steve Gruhn my dirtiest mop.
- I, **Clark Parker**, do bequeath my red neck to Alexander Buck.
- I, **Preston S. Pearson**, do leave my finer attitude to the Military Department, and my shovels to Maj. Wright's '73 class.
- I, **Doug Pennock**, leave my early morning smile to Capt. Andrews.
- I, **Stanley Rasbary**, do leave a warm spot in front of the Commandant's Office to whoever may need it, and my slingshot that was never confiscated to Randy Hollingsworth.
- I, **George Rowland, Jr.**, give my shoes and "lucky" silver dollar to Steve Gruhn.
- I, **Alan B. Samuels**, do leave my "Child's Guide to Adult Psychology" to Dave Brown.
- I, **Jaime A. Pico Seda**, do leave an ear lobe to Art Zelaya.
- I, **Curt McKee Selby**, do will all of my firecrackers to Capt. (Coach) Lane.
- I, **Bruce Strange**, do bequeath my reservations at the "Rocket" and the undeniable pleasures (?) of Stuart Hall to Bobby Mallett.
- I, **Diego Suarez**, do leave my precious senior card and my extra invitations to Randy Hollingsworth.
- I, **Lou Suter**, do give my pictures of Richie Allen and my ability to calmly shrug off all his upcoming errors in baseball to Jim Dawson.
- I, **J. A. Tiffer**, do will my English Leather Soft After Shave to Dave Brown.
- I, **Paul J. Thompson**, leave the Armory and all the ammo he will need (100,000 rounds) to Maj. Charles O. Dillow.
- I, **Esteban Traylor**, do bequeath the Fourth Annual AMA Winter Carnival (especially the "Talent Show") to any soul that can make ends meet.
- I, **Jeff Van Horn**, do bequeath all my cigarettes to Joe Garry.
- I, **James L. Wilson**, do leave to Mike Martens my ability to get out of trouble, and to Tim Emmett my quickness, agility, and all around athletic prowess.
- I, **Samuel Wright Wysong, IV**, do bequeath a paperback book of diction, an honorary US citizenship, and the key to cell number four at the Laurel Police Station to Luis Marien.
- I, **Al Zayas**, do leave the book, "The Sensuous Man," to Bob Mallet and all the Saturday night boogies to Bruce Crum.

June 2, 1972

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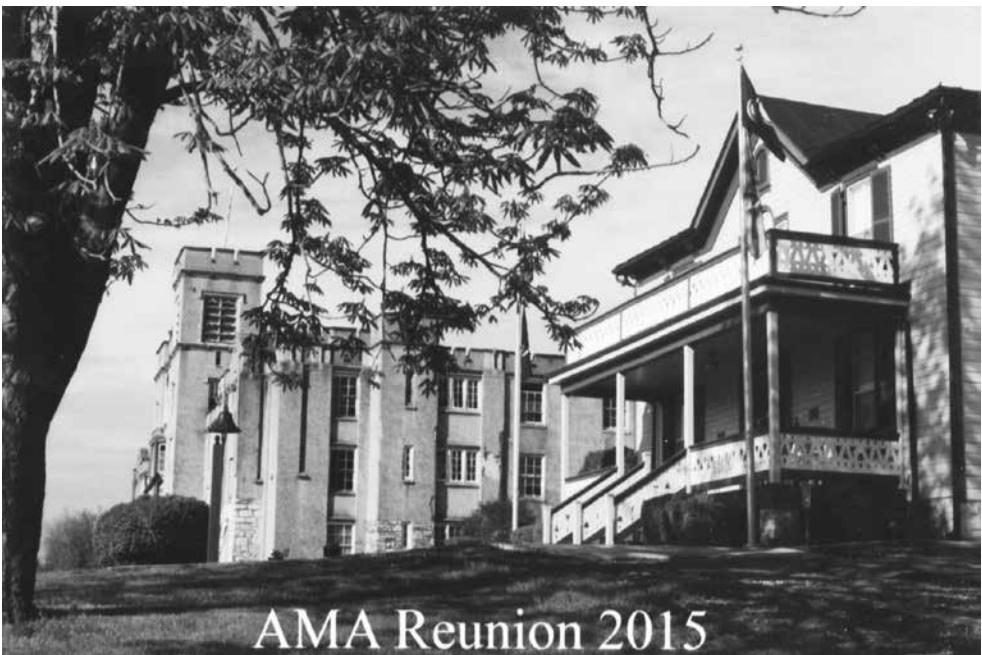


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FISHBURNE GRADUATE - This is Russell Rogerville, the son of Shelby and Ed Rogerville, '76. He received both a VFW Medal and an FMS Scholarship and his parents are understandably proud.



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Photo by B.J. d'Orsay, '70



FIRST TIME BACK since he graduated in 1973, Chris Bowman came from Bluefield, VA to visit the AMA Museum. He had a great time going down "Memory Lane" recalling Stride Coleman, Jim Atchison, Tom DeValle and Lewie Kennett and their good times together.

